

Stowmarket Area Action Plan Examination

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Dear Mr Andrews

Core Strategy Focussed Review (CSFR) and Stowmarket Area Action Plan (SAAP)

Thank you for your letter dated 17 May 2012.

I note that the Council will respond to the National Planning Policy Framework consultation on the CSFR by 4 June. I also note that the Council will ask for a modification of the CSFR in relation to the *Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development* model policy. I look forward to hearing from you again in due course in respect of these matters.

I have asked Annette Feeney to invite South Norfolk and Highways Agency representatives to the round table duty to co-operate session on 27 June. I am satisfied that these parties will be useful to my examination of the CSFR.

I had hoped to have completed the examination of the CSFR before commencing SAAP hearing sessions, as indicated in my earlier letter. Nevertheless, I understand the reasons why the Council wishes to progress to the SAAP examination hearing sessions as rapidly as possible. I wish to be as helpful as I possibly can be on that matter.

Although my report would be unlikely to be with the Council by the end of July, I will have had much time to consider all of the responses to the matters that I have raised in respect of the CSFR.

I propose to review the issues raised and questions that I asked last year for the SAAP examination during week commencing 11 June. Some questions may need updating. I would then ask all participants to update their SAAP statements to take account of everything that has happened

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since they were originally prepared and to respond to any additional questions on the SAAP.

If invitations to participants were issued by 13 June, this would allow 4 weeks to provide statements by Wednesday 11 July. This would enable Annette Feeney to get the documents to me before 14 July. She is unavailable the following week. The hearing sessions could then take place over Wed 25 to Friday 27 July. Alternatively, I am available week commencing Monday 30 July. I will ask Annette Feeney to check the availability of participants in those weeks.

The setting of the hearing dates would not pre-judge my findings in respect of the CSFR examination or preclude cancelling SAAP hearing sessions if prudent. I look forward to hearing from you by week commencing Monday 11 June so that I can plan the programme.

Yours sincerely

Julia Gregory