

Examination of the Development Management in Birmingham Plan

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Dear Mr Macleod

Development Management in Birmingham Plan – Further Main Modifications

I write further to the submission of your letter following the examination Hearings, with particular reference to Policy DM15 and the Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). As you may recall, the issue was discussed during Main Matter 7 of the Hearings, where I advised that further consideration would need to be given to the reference to the SPD within Policy DM15.

I note the Council's wish for the parking standards to be applied flexibly and that they should be treated as guidance rather than a requirement. The final part of Policy DM15(2) therefore needs to be deleted for effectiveness. This is also necessary given that no evidence has been presented to demonstrate that the parking standards are justified at this stage. To ensure that the Policy is clear to decision-makers, developers and local communities, additional supporting text should be provided at paragraph 5.13 to confirm that the SPD will be used as a guide in the determination of planning applications.

I trust that the changes are self-explanatory, and that you are able to accommodate them in the schedule of Main Modifications which includes those changes previously discussed at the Hearing sessions. Should you have any queries or require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me through the Programme Officer.

Yours Sincerely

K Ford