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Dear Mr Clews,

Examination of the Birmingham Development Plan 2031 – Inspector’s Interim Findings

Thank you for your letter of 5 January containing your interim findings in relation to the Birmingham Development Plan. The Council appreciates the speed with which this has been produced.

You asked us to give you an estimate of the time that is likely to be required to complete the further work that you have recommended. We have discussed this with both our housing and SA consultants and we consider that a reasonable target for the completion of both pieces of work would be the end of February 2015.

We have noted your comment that you would find it helpful to consider the outcome of the Strategic Housing Needs Study Stage 3. As you have recognised, the timescale for the completion and publication of this study is not within the control of the City Council. However our current understanding is that it is expected that it will be considered by the GBSLEP Board in early summer and that publication will follow this.

We hope that this provides you with the information that you require at this stage, and we look forward to hearing from you further on how you propose to move the examination process forward from this point.

Yours sincerely

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