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Dear Mr Nazir

**Examination of the Birmingham Development Plan 2031 –
outline timescale for further work on the examination**

Thank you for your letter of 12 January 2015 in which you set out an initial estimated timescale for completing the additional work on housing needs and sustainability appraisal (SA) that was recommended in my Interim Findings.

I understand from subsequent communications with the Programme Officer that the Council now see 20 March 2015 as a reasonable date for completion of both parts of the additional work. I am content with that slightly longer timescale, as it will sensibly allow for the further work on housing needs to take account of DCLG's forthcoming 2012-based household projections, provided that the projections are published as expected by the end of February.

Your officers also indicated to the Programme Officer that, taking account of the constraints imposed by the election period, you would expect Council members to consider proposed Main Modifications to the Plan in late May or early June, with public consultation on the Main Modifications and the further SA work following after that. That timescale will allow sufficient time for me to consider the outcome of the additional work on housing needs and SA and to advise you of any implications in terms of modifications to the Plan.

Following the hearing sessions, there are a number of other issues of soundness, not covered by my Interim Findings, on which I also need to advise whether or not I consider that modifications to the Plan are necessary. Taking account of the timescale that has been indicated, I propose to let you have my findings on those other issues by 8 May 2015 at the latest, so as to allow time for a consolidated list of proposed Main Modifications to be drawn up for consideration by Council members and subsequent public consultation.

I will of course need to take the responses to public consultation on the proposed Main Modifications and the further SA work into account in my report on the examination. When you are able to, it would be helpful if you could let me know the anticipated dates for the public consultation

(which would need to be for a minimum of six weeks), so that I can programme time for the completion of my report.

Yours sincerely

Roger Clews

Inspector