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Dear Mr Kemp

Thank you for your email (dated 4th September 2014) requesting that Coventry City Council attend the Birmingham City Council Local Plan examination in so far as it relates to the Duty to Cooperate. We can confirm that we are happy to attend this session on the 30th October 2014.

We would however clarify that we hold no objection to the way Birmingham City Council have undertaken their responsibilities associated with the Duty to Cooperate and note the on-going and constructive work BCC continue to undertake with other relevant authorities.

In relation to CCC, we note that BCC have completed a Duty to Cooperate checklist, which has been developed with input from CCC. This has been with a view to agreeing the approach taken to key areas of policy in so far as the duty relates to the two Councils. We also note that at this time CCC have not been able to sign this statement. This is not due to disagreements but purely a case of work and resource pressures associated with our own Local Plan development. We do however intend to take this statement to a formal Cabinet Member meeting in October, where we hope it will be signed and returned to BCC accordingly.

I trust this letter is sufficient to support your on-going discussions with the appointed Inspector.

Yours sincerely

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