

If the Council wishes to bring forward additional evidence, I am prepared to keep the examination open, but the fact check report will not be issued. However, my letter of 10 May gives an early indication of my findings (on the basis of the evidence before me at that time) on one particular issue, the Council's proposed changes of October 2010. Please note that this trail of correspondence should be publicly available through your website.

If you decide to carry out further work on the SA, you must bear in mind that it is an integral part of the plan making process, which should be transparent and open to public participation. It must not be undertaken as an exercise to justify a predetermined strategy. You should therefore draw up a timetable for the further work which ensures adequate opportunities both for public participation, and for the Council to consider, fully, whether the additional evidence gathered gives rise to a need to propose changes to the Plan, and in that case to consult on those changes.

You should also bear in mind that the further delay is, in itself, likely to give rise to a need to extend the plan period to ensure conformity with PPS12 and PPS3. Such changes would need to be subject to public consultation.

It is for you to clarify whether the Council would wish to adopt a CS which contains the RS housing numbers. If not, it may not be sensible for you to continue to progress the current plan.

If you intend to produce further evidence please notify both the Programme Officer and Allison Ingham, the PINS Case Officer, before 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

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