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Dear Ms Mageean and Mr Ward

**Examination of the Warrington Local Plan**

I can confirm that the Council wishes to proceed towards public consultation on a schedule of main modifications in accordance with the conclusions on the key issues of soundness as set out in your letter of 16th December 2022.

Given the detailed issues raised in your letter relating to employment land, the Council will ask for our consultant's views on the conclusions relating to employment land and we will publish these on our Examination Web page.

I look forward to receiving details on the other main modifications that you consider are necessary to ensure the soundness of the Local Plan.

In terms of the High Court judgement referred to in your letter, we note that the judgement makes clear (at paragraphs 6 and 139) that it does not specifically alter the definition of Gypsies and Travellers, as defined in Annex 1 of the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS) (2015).

Nevertheless, Policy DEV3 of the submitted Local Plan commits the Council to address longer term needs for Gypsies and Travellers through a future review of the Plan. As such, the Council considers that any future change in the definition of Gypsies and Travellers in the PPTS can be considered and addressed through a future review of the Local Plan.



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If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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