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Dear Mr Bell,

Examination of the Warrington Local Plan

1. Following the additional hearing session held on 13 July 2023 and the subsequent receipt of additional information we can confirm that we are now proceeding with our report. This will be on the basis of the proposed main modifications which were subject to public consultation between 15 March and 5 July 2023, although there are likely to be one or two very minor amendments to the detailed wording of main modifications, in light of comments received.
2. In terms of the employment land requirement, we have taken full account of the further information and more detailed analysis that has been provided by the Council and other parties, written submissions and the discussion at the additional hearing session. We maintain our view however that the employment land requirement of 316.26ha set out in the submitted Local Plan is not justified and that it should be reduced to a figure broadly in line with that set out in the proposed main modifications. We also maintain our view that the proposed South East Warrington Employment Area and Policy MD6 should be deleted.
3. As noted above we are proceeding with our report and will keep you informed of likely timescales via the Programme Officer. We will not be accepting any further submissions from the Council or other parties. We would like to take this opportunity to again thank you and your colleagues for your helpful and constructive approach to the examination.

Yours sincerely,

Andrea Mageean and Kevin Ward

INSPECTORS