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Dear Epping Forest Planning Policy Team

Epping Forest Submission Version Local Plan Consultation Response

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Submission Version of the Epping Forest Local plan.

As you will be aware the London Borough of Havering consulted on its Proposed Submission Local Plan in July 2017. We note that Epping Forest District Council had no comments to make.

As part of the preparation of the Havering Local Plan the Council has undertaken a strategic green belt study and is now in the process of undertaking a more detailed assessment of green belt sites that have been submitted to the Council for potential release. The Havering Proposed Submission Local Plan did not seek to release any Green Belt land for development.

We note that Epping Forest Proposed Submission Local Plan recommends the release of a number of green belt sites in order to contribute to its housing need including the release of land at Oakfield Road adjoining the boundary with Havering for residential development of 33 homes (Reference STAP. R1).

.We would expect Epping Forest District Council to satisfy themselves that they have the necessary robust evidence to support any such release in line with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Officers would be happy to discuss this issue further as part of the on-going Duty to Co-operate.

Yours faithfully

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