

Mr. Chris Carter,
Assistant Director - Planning,
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

18 November 2022

By email only

Dear Mr Carter,

Welwyn-Hatfield Local Plan Examination

In December 2020 the Council wrote to me requesting that in accordance with Section 20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, I recommend Main Modifications to the Council that would make the Local Plan sound and legally compliant.

In my letter to you on 6 September 2022, I confirmed that I had received text covering all of the outstanding draft Main Modifications necessary for me to be able to make this plan sound from yourself. I also indicated that I would promptly assess and modify these where necessary, with a view to sending you a comprehensive set of the Main Modifications that I consider would be necessary to make this plan sound, for consultation at an early date. In email exchanges shortly after I outlined a number of grammatical errors and suggested improvements to the sequencing of the modifications.

I am still awaiting a revised list of Main Modifications from yourself, following which I will formally ask you to begin the statutory consultation thereon. Additionally, I have not received the revised timetable to adoption that I referred to in my letter.

I also understand that there has not been a response to the Programme Officer's phone calls or emails since 24th October. I would be grateful if you could let me know the reason(s) for the delays and indicate when I will receive the above documents.

Yours Sincerely,

Melvyn Middleton

INSPECTOR