

The Council respectfully requests that the ExA consider extending the date of Deadline 3 (Wednesday 7th January 2026) until the end of that week (Friday 9th January 2026) to provide responses to ExQ1 and updated versions of the PADSS as the Council will be closed, and its Officers on annual leave, over the Christmas/New Year period and this would allow more time to respond if the questions raised by the ExA require input from specialist consultees. This is important to ensure that the ExA has the benefit the highest quality, well-considered evidence.