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Dear Mr Smith

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – section 89(3)

Application Reference TR010032

Response to Procedural Decisions and other information following issue of Acceptance decision (dated 19 December 2022)

This submission is in response to the Procedural Decision issued by the Examining Authority on the <u>19 December 2022</u> and utilises the same headings at that Procedural Decision for ease of reference. The following documents accompany this letter.

Document Reference	Document Title
TR010032/APP/8.1	Planning Performance Agreement Summary Statement
TR010032/APP/8.2	Principal Areas of Disagreement Position Paper
TR010032/APP/1.4	Navigation Document (Rev 3)

1. Updated documents to address minor errors and omissions

Following the issue of the Procedural Decision on <u>19 December 2022</u>, the Applicant submitted its response to the section 51 advice on <u>20 December 2022</u>. This was in advance of the Relevant Representations period commencing. The Examining Authority confirmed that this matter was considered complete, and no further procedural matters arose in respect of those submissions.

All the minor errors and omissions were addressed by the submission on 20 December 2022 and no further documents are included as part of this submission.





2. Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary (PADS) and Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs)

The Applicant refers the Examining Authority to the enclosed Principal Areas of Disagreement Position Paper [Document Reference TR010032/APP/8.2].

The Applicant confirms that it has engaged with the parties currently participating in the SoCG process to work with them to develop PADS Trackers which capture their Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statements.

Several parties were content that the SoCG adequately covered the principal areas of disagreement between the parties and, given the limited number of issues, do not intend to submit a PADS Tracker as well.

Parties that produced a PADS Tracker largely did so unilaterally and only shared them with the Applicant just before the deadline.

Several parties did not engage on the matter, so the Applicant does not know whether those parties will be submitting a PADS Tracker.

To assist the Examining Authority in understanding the position of each party and to confirm whether the Applicant had the opportunity to review and thus agree with the content of the trackers, the Applicant has produced the enclosed Principal Areas of Disagreement Position Paper [Document Reference TR010032/APP/8.2].

It is acknowledged that the PADS Tracker should be updated alongside the SoCGs as appropriate throughout the Examination, and that a revised PADS Tracker should be submitted at every Examination deadline.

3. Non-Disclosure Agreements

The Applicant refers the Examining Authority to the <u>letter submitted on 20 December 2022</u> which responds to the points made.

4. Planning Performance Agreements

The Examining Authority requested information concerning the use of Planning Performance Agreements. The Applicant refers the Examining Authority to the enclosed Planning Performance Agreement Summary Statement [Document Reference TR010032/APP/8.1].

5. Submission of information in the Pre-Examination stage

The Applicant acknowledges and understands that representations should not be submitted in the Pre-Examination stage unless there is a need for an urgent procedural matter.





We trust you find this helpful and satisfies the matters identified in Procedural Decision. If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



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