Uttlesford Planning Policy Working Group meeting 10 January 2019 Statement and Question by Ken McDonald, 2 Greenfields, Stansted Mountfitchet, CM24 8AH.

Good evening. My name is Ken McDonald.

In good faith, I have responded to Uttlesford's various Local Plan consultations, hoping to help shape the future of our District.

I have continued to perform this, what I regard as my public duty, despite having less and less faith that my - or anyone else's - comments would ever be considered by you, the councillors.

Despite the persistent disregard by UDC of my contributions, I have continued to engage in the process in the hope that, one day, an independent inspector would actually consider my comments.

I note that the summary of Representations presented to this Working Group includes what appear to be only limited and random elements from my Regulation 19 comments, some re-written so as to obscure the point I was making, others omitted entirely.

In particular, I failed to find any reference to my submissions as to why the draft Plan is not legally compliant and why it is unsound.

In fact, the report before you doesn't seem to address those points at all. Yet anyone who responded online was required first to give an opinion on those key questions - legal compliance and soundness - before being allowed to comment in any detail on the Regulation 19 draft. What seemed to be the main purpose of the consultation has simply been ignored in the report before you.

Now, it has been my understanding that all responses to the Regulation 19 consultation would be passed to the Inspector. However, if the Inspector is to receive only the summary which you have before you, he or she will not get any feel for respondents' views on legal compliance or soundness.

From a personal perspective, my efforts to make what I regard as important points, clearly and with evidence, will have been in vain.

My question, therefore, is:

Will all responses to the Regulation 19 consultation be given, in full and without censorship, to the Inspector?