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Dear Mr Blathwayt,

Uttlesford Local Plan Update

I refer to my previous letters when I provided you with an update on progress by the Council to prepare a new local plan. This letter deals with the position up to the end of quarter 4 of the current financial year.

I am pleased to advise you that steady progress continues to be made in accordance with the revised Local Development Scheme which was adopted by the Cabinet of the Council on 20 October 2020.

The Council is currently part way through the Issues and Options stage of the local plan and within the last three months the following progress has been made:

- The online Community Stakeholder Forum has completed six local plan topics for discussion by the independent chair and representatives of special interest groups and then the wider public is invited to comment online. In each case a recognised expert makes a presentation to encourage the debate. Each presentation may be viewed at <insert link>
- The Local Plan Leadership Group has now considered feedback from the Forum and the public on two of the local plan topics.
- Five of the local plan topics have been discussed with Parish Councils who were all invited to an online workshop.
- A call for development sites across the district has been issued to landowners and developers.
- Work on a TRACC accessibility model continues.
- Consultants are about to be appointed to commence work on the Sustainability Appraisal.
- A Strategic Infrastructure Delivery Group of district and county members has been established with an agreed programme of work and this Group is supported both by officers and the East of England Local Government Association Peer Review Group.
- This month the tender for consultants work on the infrastructure Delivery Plan is issued.

The Scrutiny Committee of the District Council continues to carefully monitor progress on the local plan through regular updates on the Risk Register and Project Plan. It is expected that you will receive the next update before the end of June 2021.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Miles.....

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