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Dear Ms Lewis,

Uttlesford Local Plan Update

I refer to my previous letters when I provided updates 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 work continues to progress well with the intention of the Council submitting the local plan for Examination in 2023 in accordance with the Local Development Scheme (LDS) which was adopted by the Council last year. I anticipate the Council will update the LDS in the shortly to reflect progress and also a minor change to the publication date of the Regulation 18 Local Plan which I advised you about in my quarter 2 letter of this year. The consultation is now due to take place in May and June 2023.

In addition, the following progress has been made since my last letter to you:

- Seventeen consultant studies are progressing and this work will form the evidence base that will support the local plan. Recent reports to members have included the final retail capacity study, the infrastructure delivery plan baseline study, the settlement hierarchy and a report on culture, creativity and the arts;
- Officers and key consultants have progressed work on preparing Reasonable Alternatives and evaluation of these options is taking place at the time of writing this letter; and
- Further discussions have taken place with the promoters and landowners of a number of the largest potential development sites, or clusters of sites, to listen to an update on their sites.

The Council is actively managing the Local Plan timetable.

The Scrutiny Committee of the District Council continues to monitor progress on the local plan through regular updates on the Risk Register and Project Plan. I expect to send you the next update before the end June 2022.

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

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Miles.....

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