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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 1 of the current financial year.

I am writing to inform you of a significant change to the Uttlesford Local Plan timetable. This has resulted from the late emergence of a option that the Council considers should be included in the regulation 18 consultation. This is considered a realistic option that is worth exploring now, so as to head off criticism that it had otherwise not been consulted upon should it emerge later in the process. An updated Local Development Scheme is being taken to the Council's cabinet in July. It is anticipated that this will result in the regulation 18 consultation being pushed back to the autumn and knock-on consequences to the regulation 19 publication period. If you think it would be useful to have a meeting about this change, Uttlesford would be pleased to accommodate this.

Other than this change, I am pleased to advise you that work continues to progress well. The Council's Local Plan Leadership Group has commented on eight draft chapters of the Local Plan and recommended them on Cabinet.

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.
- Officers and key consultants have progressed work on preparing a number of preferred options and once the newly emerged option has been worked up they will be brought before members; and
- Proactive discussions have taken place with landowners in the area.

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 in October 2022.

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

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Miles.....

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