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### **Bridgend County Borough Council: Delivery Agreement Slippage**

#### **The Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended)**

Thank you for your email of 09 September 2022 informing us that due to the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II all Council meetings for the two weeks commencing 12 September have been postponed. A consequence of this action, reflecting the national period of mourning, is that the Council meeting of the 14 September where you were seeking formal resolution of the Council to submit your Local Development Plan (LDP) for examination will now not take place.

I am aware of a further Council meeting scheduled for the 19 October where formal resolution can be achieved to submit the LDP for examination. However, due to the date of the meeting this takes your plan beyond the agreed 3 month slippage period set out in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Delivery Agreement (DA) Revision, agreed on 10 December 2021.

One of the 'Tests of Soundness' against which all LDPs are considered is the procedural requirement for the plan preparation to accord with the agreed DA, which includes the timetable and any slippage period. Theoretically, if no action is taken questions as to whether your plan complies with the procedural tests could be raised.

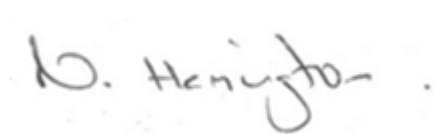
The passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has led to a national period of mourning which nobody could have foreseen when your latest DA was agreed in 2021. Requiring a third DA revision on this sole basis is not an appropriate course of action, and would needlessly delay submission of the LDP. No stakeholders would be adversely affected if the

submission of the LDP follows the Council meeting in October, as the decision required is purely one of endorsement of the plan for submission.

I wish to confirm that submission of the plan following formal resolution from Council at the 19 October meeting will not be in conflict with the 2<sup>nd</sup> revised DA. This position reflects the national significance of recent events, and there being no adverse effect on stakeholders.

This letter should now be made publicly available in accordance with the requirements set out in Regulation 10, accompanying the 2<sup>nd</sup> revised DA.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N. Hemington". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

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