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Dear Sir/ Madam

The Council have commented on the further submissions relating to sessions 2 (Housing need, Supply & Phasing) & 3 (Affordable Housing & Gypsy/Traveller sites). The Inspector has requested that the Council's e-mail be forwarded to all participants of hearing sessions 2 & 3 and has added the following :-

'whilst account will be taken of some Representors' position that they consider that the need for affordable housing has been underestimated as a contributor to overall housing need, discussion of the extent of the need for affordable housing should take place at Session 3 rather than Session 2. That would include the Representors' criticisms of the Council's position as set out in the Local Housing Market Assessment update.'

Please see below the e-mail received by the Programme Officer from the Council regarding Sessions 2 & 3 and the recently submitted further statements:-

' Looking at the responses from the participants in connection with Session 2: Housing Need, Supply and Phasing and Session 3: Affordable Housing and Gypsy / Traveller Provision, it is noted that the HBF's response to Qn 1 in Session 2 heavily focuses on the need for affordable housing and the credibility of the LHMA and it's 2012 Update. (Boyer Planning also make reference to the LHMA in their response to Qn 2b in Session 2).

The Council and other participants (Welsh Government) have addressed the LHMA and other affordable housing issues more specifically under the questions asked in Session 3.

It was the Council's request that Session 3 be rearranged on a day other than 21st November, in order that the Council's representative / consultant responsible for the LHMA could appear to field specific questions and aid discussion on this matter, and in this regard the Council is grateful that the draft Programme has been amended to accommodate this request.

Given that most of the relevant participants (other than Boyer Planning) involved in Sessions 2 and 3, including the Council, WG and the HBF are involved on both days i.e. 21st and 22nd of November, but the Council's representative can only attend on the 22nd, I would be grateful if the Inspector would consider conveying to participants that issues relating to affordable housing including the LHMA, would be more appropriately dealt with and considered in depth at Session 3. It is likely that the Council will also make reference to this in any rebuttals.'

Many Thanks

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