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Dear Sir,

### **CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE WEST SOMERSET LOCAL PLAN TO 2032**

I am writing to notify you under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, that Proposed Modifications to the West Somerset Local Plan to 2032 are now being published for a six week period of public consultation prior to the Inspector publishing his Report into the Local Plan's Examination.

The West Somerset Local Plan to 2032 was published for formal representations to be made during the period 10th February to 23rd March 2015. The Local Plan was subsequently submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015. An independent inspector, Mr Brian Cook BA (HONS) DIPTP MRTPI, was appointed by the Secretary of State to conduct a Public Examination of the Local Plan and hearing sessions took place between 14<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2016.

The Main Modifications now proposed arise from indications given by the Inspector, both in the initial Examination correspondence and in the Examination Hearings, of the need for such Main Modifications in the interests of enabling the Plan to be found sound and capable of adoption. **The Proposed Modifications documents are available to view and download from [www.westsomerset.gov.uk](http://www.westsomerset.gov.uk)** and also from the Council's website: <http://www.westsomersetonline.gov.uk/Planning---Building/Planning-Policy> .

#### **The documents comprise:**

- The West Somerset Local Plan to 2032 Examination Stage Proposed Modifications Introduction
- Appendix A – Tables of Main Modifications and Additional Modifications
- Appendix B – Proposed Modifications – the modified policies and text.
- Appendix C – Housing Trajectory
- Appendix D – Sustainability Appraisal Addendum
- Appendix E – Maps accompanying the Proposed Modifications
- The West Somerset Local Plan to 2032 – Post Examination Hearings Draft - May 2016

The Main Modifications, together with a number of Additional Modifications, are published for a period of six weeks public consultation, to give all interested parties the opportunity to comment on them during the following period: **From 00:01 Friday 3rd June until 23:59 Friday 15th July 2016.**

Paper copies are also available to view at: West Somerset Council's offices in Williton and Minehead, and also at the Exmoor National Park Authority offices in Dulverton, Somerset County Council's offices in Taunton and the public Libraries within West Somerset District during their normal public opening hours.

**Please note that the Inspector will only consider representations made in respect of the soundness of the proposed Main Modifications and not in respect of the Plan as a whole. Whilst**

**representations may also be made in respect of the proposed Additional Modifications (which do not bear directly on the Plan's soundness), these will be considered by the Council at adoption report stage and not by the Inspector.**

**Responses should clearly identify the Main Modification and / or Additional Modification reference numbers on which representations are being made. These can be found in tables 1 & 2 in Appendix A.**

**Please note that this consultation is open for anyone to respond to.**

Representations should be made by post or e-mail to the Programme Officer for the West Somerset Local Plan to 2032, West Somerset Council, West Somerset House, Killick Way, Williton, TA4 4QA or [ProgrammeOfficer@westsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:ProgrammeOfficer@westsomerset.gov.uk)

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Salla Arnold, Programme Officer for the West Somerset Local Plan to 2032 Examination by e-mail: [ProgrammeOfficer@westsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:ProgrammeOfficer@westsomerset.gov.uk)

Yours Sincerely,

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