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Dear Mr Watkins,

Consultation on Modifications as proposed by the Planning Inspector

I write in response to your letter to Mr Gammond dated 8th March 2013. My comments relate solely to Point 2) Proposals Map Amendments. The Programme Officer has requested that I clarify the District Council's position with regard to your email and response submitted in November to the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

I understand that my colleague Maria Dunn initially responded to you in December regarding your SCI representation, and a copy of this correspondence can be provided for the examination library if required.

My response is twofold. Firstly, I would reiterate as Miss Dunn set out in her response, that your comments with regard to Wilden Lane Industrial Estate and its allocation on the Proposals Map, were not submitted during the Pre-Submission Publication Consultation Stage on the Site Allocations and Policies Local Plan. Rather they were submitted during the District Council's consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement which took place in November/December 2012, following the submission of the Development Plans for examination. Unfortunately therefore in this regard the representations were not considered to be duly made.

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Secondly, with regard to your request for the employment zoning of Wilden Lane Industrial Estate to be extended on the Proposals Map to incorporate a small area of Green Belt land to the north of the site, it is considered that this would not be possible without a comprehensive review of Green Belt boundaries. The Core Strategy was adopted by the District Council in December 2010 and did not advocate a Green Belt review as sufficient brownfield sites could be allocated to meet the District's development needs during the plan period. The Wilden Lane Industrial Estate (although covered by the employment zoning allocation), is immediately surrounded by Green Belt land and does not have Major Developed Site in the Green Belt status. Therefore, despite the small area of land to the north being granted a Certificate of Lawfulness, it would not be possible to reallocate it to employment land at this late stage in the plan process without undertaking a Green Belt boundary review.

It is likely that when the next Local Plan review commences, it will be necessary to undertake such a Green Belt boundary review and the District Council will fully consider the points you have raised during any review process.

I hope that these comments address your queries with regard to the Proposals Map.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. Mayman".

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