

Harlow Local Development Plan Examination

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Dear Mr Bramidge

HARLOW LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN EXAMINATION

I am writing to advise that unfortunately I will not now be able to write to you setting out the main modifications which are required in connection with the plan until after the general election on 12 December 2019.

As you will appreciate, during the pre-election period it is important not to make any announcements which could be politically sensitive, and as a result the Planning Inspectorate will not be issuing any letters regarding the soundness or legal compliance of local plans until after the election. This has been agreed in consultation with MHCLG our sponsor department and I have been advised there is no flexibility.

This does not of course imply that the letter will be politically sensitive when it comes, it is a precautionary measure that applies to all local plan examinations.

I very much regret the delay that this will cause but the matter is out of my hands. I will however ensure the letter is sent to you immediately after the election period so that the consultation on the main modifications can commence as soon as possible in the new year.

Please put this letter on the examination website so that interested parties are made aware of the reason for the delay.

Yours sincerely

David Reed

INSPECTOR