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## **Forward Planning**

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## **Harlow Local Development Plan**

Dear Mr Reed

Thank you very much for your email of 7 August 2020.

Having now considered your observations and given the very late stage in the examination process when these legislative changes have been made by Government, the time needed to assess and consider the wider implications of these changes, draft appropriate policy responses, and to consult upon such changes, the Council would agree with you that the pragmatic approach would not be to amend the Plan any further at this point.

Notwithstanding this it is the Council's intention, however, to undertake a focused review of the Plan as soon as is practicable after adoption, that will take into account not only the currently introduced changes by Government but also the likely wider changes they propose to make to planning and the plan-making system. In addition the impacts arising from Covid-19 and how land use planning will need to respond to this, will also need to be taken into consideration.

Yours sincerely

