

**Examination of the Chiltern and South Bucks Local Plan**

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Dear Mr Bambrick,

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1. Thank you for your letter dated 12 May 2020, which sets out the Council's initial response to our interim findings on Matter 1 – Duty to Cooperate. In that letter you state that this is not an issue which the Council considers can be appropriately dealt with exclusively on paper, and request a hearing to discuss the matters further.
2. For the benefit of participants following the examination, we can confirm that we are amenable to that request. We also understand from the Programme Officer that the Council's preference is to have a discussion in person, rather than hold a virtual event online, or via teleconference.
3. As you will appreciate, it is not possible to formally agree any dates for such an event at this moment in time. It may be many weeks or months before we can hold a hearing of the type envisaged by the Council. If, on reflection, the Council wishes to pursue a virtual event, please let us know immediately and we will endeavour to progress matters with the Programme Officer.
4. In the meantime, should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely,

*Matthew Birkinshaw and David Troy*

Inspectors