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Dear Mr Vickery

## Responses to the Maldon District Local Development Plan

Thank you for your letter dated 19 May 2014 in relation to late representations and further correspondence received following the end of the LDP Pre-Submission (Regulation 20) consultation or following the submission of the Maldon District Local Development Plan (LDP) to the Secretary of State for Examination-in-Public (EiP) on 25 April 2014.

The Council is entirely supportive of the approach that you are taking for the EiP with regard to the further representations and correspondence received. The Council fully acknowledges the importance of the involvement and participation of the local community during the EiP. You will be aware that the Council has undertaken a great deal of consultation with the local community and stakeholders during the preparation and production of the Plan over a number of years.

Thank you for your acknowledgement of the resolution made by the Council on the 11 December 2013 not to accept any late representations made following the end of the Pre-Submission (Regulation 20) consultation period, undertaken between 22 January and 12 March 2014, on the Pre-Submission LDP. The Council's decision to not accept late representations was to ensure that a fair and consistent approach was taken in accordance with the Local Planning (England) Regulations 2012 to avoid any ambiguity prior to the Submission of the Plan for EiP. However, it is acknowledged that further responses can be considered as material considerations as part of the EiP of the Plan and that these reflect concerns raised by the local community.

Thank you for clarifying your position on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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