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Dear Mr Berkeley

Examination of the Maldon District Local Development Plan

Thank you for your letter of 7 April 2016, regarding the examination of the Maldon District Local Development Plan (LDP).

The Council notes the final paragraphs of your letter, where you state that you will do all you can to assist the examination process and give the Council every opportunity to address the issues you raise, and the Council greatly welcomes this assurance.

In your letter you raise a number of issues and, in the first instance, ask the Council for the likely timescales needed to provide you with the necessary information and clarification. In response, the Council's suggested programme is set out below:

- Provision for Travellers – a statement to address issues raised in relation to Policy H6 to be provided by 3 June
- Housing Market Area – a statement on the Council's position on the Housing Market Area to be provided by 3 June
- Highway and school capacity – a statement to address infrastructure capacity in relation to Maldon, Heybridge and Burnham-on-Crouch to be provided by 10 June
- Reserve sites – a statement to address the approach of the LDP to the Reserve Sites to be provided by 27 May
- Affordable housing – a statement to address how viability evidence and the need for infrastructure provision may impact on the approach of the LDP to affordable housing and wider provision within the district to be provided by 10 June
- Detail given about the allocations – a statement to address the relationship between the policies in the LDP for the Garden Suburbs and the masterplans to be provided by 27 May
- Retail – a statement setting out the approach to retail provision in the LDP to be provided by 10 June
- Employment – a statement covering employment land provision and the relationship between the Employment Evidence and Policy Update and Maldon Retail Study to be provided by 1 July

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With regard to your question about main modifications to the LDP, the Council put together a modified version of the LDP in December 2015 with appendices setting out schedules of main and additional modifications proposed up to that date. This is available to view on the Council's website¹. I suggest that these schedules could be used as a basis for any further modifications to the LDP if this approach would help you.

I hope that this letter provides you with an acceptable way forward to progress with the LDP examination.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Fenwick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a comma at the end.

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¹ See: http://www.maldon.gov.uk/downloads/file/2890/submission_ldp_with_modifications_december_2015