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Dear Mr Berkeley

**2014-based Household Projections, Sustainability Appraisal, Next Steps and Timescales**

I am writing in response to your letter of 14 July 2016 regarding the Maldon District Local Development Plan examination and the matters listed above.

In relation to your request to provide a paper on the recently published 2014-based household projections, the Council is in the process of commissioning this work. The Council is seeking to provide an update to its previously submitted paper on this topic of March 2015, and the Council's consultants have indicated that this work is likely to take around three weeks.

Regarding Sustainability Appraisal, since the resumption of the examination, the Council has been identifying alternative sites put forward at the examination and has been in discussion with its Sustainability Appraisal consultants to appraise these alternatives. The consultants have indicated that this is likely to take around three to four weeks.

Given the inconclusive way that the previous examination ended, and the uncertainty regarding what further appraisal work was needed, the Council has had to undertake considerable additional work to get to this point. It has therefore not been possible to give an indication of timescales before now.

The proposed timetable and broad steps set out in your letter seem achievable in the context of the additional work that the Council is commissioning, assuming there are no unforeseen problems with the analysis that delay delivery of the completed work to the Council. We will of course update you with progress on this work.

Yours sincerely

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Director of Planning and Regulatory Services