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Dear Lee,

Submission of the Coventry Local Plan Review to the Secretary of State for Examination

Coventry City Council at its Cabinet and Council meetings on 26 August and 02 September 2025 respectively, resolved to delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration and Economy, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities to submit the Local Plan Review to the Secretary of State. We hereby attach an electronic copy of the Local Plan Review submission documents as follows:

- Local Plan Review Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) version, with appendices and erratum statement;
- Sustainability Appraisal (SA) final report including appendices;
- Equality Impact Assessment including Health Impact Assessment;
- Local Plan Review Submission Policies Map including a note showing where a technical correction has been made;
- Habitats Regulations Assessment;
- Guidance Note showing Local Plan Proposed Policy Updates and Changes;
- Guidance Note Area Action Plan Proposed Policy Updates and Changes;
- Regulation 22 Consultation Statement;
- Copies of all representations pursuant to Regulation 19 consultation
- Schedule of all representations (table) pursuant to Regulation 19 and Council responses including suggested potential modifications;
- Note of further potential additional modifications;
- Duty to Co-operate (DtC) Compliance Statement;
- Statement of Community Involvement (SCI);
- Local Development Scheme (LDS);
- Adopted Local Plan and Area Action Plan 2017 (the plans under review).

In addition, we are including the following

- Updated housing trajectory (August 2025);
- Windfall note (June 2025) which provides further context to the housing windfall figures;
- Updated Infrastructure Delivery Plan (August 2025);
- Submission Document list (please note this will be updated with web links when the submission web page is live), and an Evidence Base reference list including links to the web page.
- Signed Statement of Common Ground with Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council.

We would also like to make the Inspectorate aware of some work which is currently ongoing, but we did not wish to delay submission given that Government wishes to see swift progress on local plans. We trust that this approach is acceptable and that it will be appropriate to forward this information as soon as possible after submission, we anticipate by the end of September.

- The final Memorandum of Understanding between the HMA and FEMA authorities across Coventry and Warwickshire. The Duty to Co-operate Compliance Statement sets out the context, this is partly signed but due to partner council sign-off process it was not possible to get all signatures before the submission date. An updated version will be provided very shortly and we do have clear statements of intent to complete sign-off which we include in the DtC statement.
- Statements of Common Ground with the HMA and FEMA authorities: these follow on from the MoU and are actively in train but have been dependent upon the overarching MoU as the 'parent' document: further detail is set out in the Duty to Co-operate Compliance Statement. These will be accompanied by an Employment Land Recycling Paper which forms part of the ongoing discussions in establishing the level of employment shortfall from Coventry as referenced in the MoU.
- The Statement of Common Ground with Historic England, this is under development, the Duty to Co-operate Compliance Statement sets out further detail. This will include Heritage Impact Assessments for two sites, allocations H2:30 (Whitefriars Street car park) and H2:32 (Dale Buildings, Tower Street).
- A trajectory explanatory paper: this is in train to ensure we are able to present the most up to date information to the examination in terms of the current status of the component sites.
- An updated transport modelling report as required by National Highways along with a Statement of Common Ground.

We would of course be happy to provide a hard copy of any of these documents for the Inspector, if required.

All submission documents are available for public inspection on our website and we will notify all relevant parties of the submission of the Local Plan Review. The website for the Local Plan Review can be accessed using the following link:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/localplanreview>

This link includes a bespoke Submission webpage (which links to the examination webpage set up by the Programme Officer). It also includes a link to the previous stages of the Local Plan review process and a link to a bespoke evidence base page which sets out all of the evidence documents and background papers which informed the plan up to and including Regulation 19.

Hard copies of the relevant key documents will also be deposited in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22(3)(a) at the Council office at PO Box 7097, Coventry City Council, CV6 9SL and in all libraries:

The Council has appointed a Programme Officer – Helen Wilson who can be contacted via helen@programmeofficers.co.uk 01432 639547/07879 443035

We trust this provides all the necessary information you require and look forward to hearing from you in due course with regard the appointment of a Planning Inspector and potential examination hearing dates.

We look forward to working with the Planning Inspectorate to deliver the examination of the Local Plan Review.

Yours sincerely,

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