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Dear Mrs Rock,

Consideration of new material.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June a document entitled "Viability Testing Local Plans : Advice for planning practitioners" was published by the Local housing Delivery Group. This comprised a cross-industry group that was convened at the request of the Housing Minister, Grant Shapps, to support the Government's ambition to increase the supply of housing through viable local planning and simplification of the local standards applied in housing development. Indeed, it directly relates to statements in paragraphs 173 and 174 of the NPPF.

Whilst the publication of this document came after the Inspector closed the Inquiry, the Inspector has made it clear that she is looking to receive a limited amount of further information. It is considered that this document is a material consideration, given that it directly relates to issues raised by the Inspector at the Inquiry. The first three parts ( a, b and c) of Matter 3 : Housing supply and location directly relate to issues addressed in this document, in particular whether identified sites ( especially those carried forward from the local plan ) were deliverable and whether alternative sites and locations warranted consideration. Indeed, the Inspector heard a considerable amount of evidence and arguments about these matters from McCulloch Homes, Barratt Homes and others.

I therefore wish to submit, on behalf of McCulloch Homes, that the Inspector gives due consideration to the contents of this document when producing her report on the Submitted Core Strategy.

Yours sincerely,



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