

# LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK EXAMINATION MEDWAY COUNCIL

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Date: 20 November 2013

Mr Brian McCutcheon  
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Dear Mr McCutcheon

I am aware that Natural England has issued a press release, dated 19 November 2013, indicating that the Board has confirmed the notification of Chattenden Woods and Lodge Hill SSSI.

When I agreed to suspend the Core Strategy Examination (my letter of 27 September 2013), my decision was subject to the caveat that if notification of the SSSI were to be confirmed, it would be inappropriate to continue with the Examination. In your response, dated 28 October 2013, you confirmed that, in these circumstances, approval would be sought to withdraw the Plan.

I will not, therefore, reopen the Examination once the current period of suspension expires on 29 November 2013. You should, as soon as reasonably practicable, send a letter confirming withdrawal of the Core Strategy to Mr Stephen Carnaby at the Inspectorate's Offices in Bristol. His email and postal addresses can be obtained from the Programme Officer.

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Inspector

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