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Dear Mr Hetherington

### **Waverley Core Strategy (CS) Examination**

Thank you for your letter dated 22 July 2013.

The Council has always recognised that the objectively assessed need for market and affordable housing should relate to the housing market area and has now appointed consultants who have been tasked with producing a new SHMA. As you know my previous letter highlighted that this will be completed by the end of September. A key part of this work will be the identification of the housing market area, which will be assessed in consultation with all the relevant districts, so that the needs evidence can be put in the context of the wider housing market area. The methodology for the SHMA will be the subject of consultation both with the relevant districts and other stakeholders, including representatives from the house building industry.

On the second issue, the Council understands fully that it is not possible within this context of this examination to make changes which substantially alter the Plan's spatial strategy. Moreover in pursuing the option 2 suggested by you it also considers that it can undertake the additional work necessary to address your concerns within a reasonable timescale and without prejudicing existing work including public consultation.

Waverley considers remains committed to completing the work needed to inform appropriate amendments to the Plan which can be consulted on within the timescale to allow the Examination to reconvene in March / April 2014.

I hope this clarifies the Council's position. We would of course be happy to meet with you to discuss these matters further if you felt that helpful.

Yours sincerely

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