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**Subject:** Crich Neighbourhood Plan examination queries

Dear Rachael

I have the following queries arising from the examination to date.

**1. Consultation**

Regulation 14 (a) of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations requires that the proposals should be publicised “in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of those who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area” and regulation 14(b) requires the qualifying body to “consult any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests they consider may be affected by the proposals...”

The requirements of regulation 15 (2) (a) and (b) of the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations are that the Consultation Statement should contain “details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan” and “explain how they were consulted”.

I should be grateful if two aspects of these requirements could be clarified:

(i) While the Consultation Statement refers under Section 7.2 to engagement with businesses prior to the regulation 14 consultation, it is not explicit about measures taken to publicise the pre-submission draft to businesses or their employees.

(ii) While it is evident from the responses to the regulation 14 consultation that at least some of the organisations listed in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 of the Regulations were consulted, the Consultation Statement does not clearly identify which organisations were consulted at this stage.

**2. SEA Screening and Determination**

It is evident from the Amber Valley (AVBC) website that a SEA Screening Assessment was prepared in February 2017 and a Determination that an SEA was not necessary was made on 31 March 2017. This gives rise to two questions:

(i) These documents are not included in the list of submission documents on the AVBC. Regulation 15 (1) (e) requires the submission of “an environmental report...or where it has been determined under regulation 9(1) (of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004) that the plan proposal is unlikely to have significant environmental effects ....a statement of reasons for the determination.” Was the Determination which contains a statement of reasons for it one of the submission documents?

(ii) The Consultation Statement refers to a significant change to the Draft Plan to change the Settlement Boundary in response to comments of AVBC. Was there any explicit consideration of whether this had any implications for the determination made earlier?

Kind Regards

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