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Dear Mr Stamp

East of England Draft Plan – Examination in Public

Please accept the Panel's apologies for the delay in responding to your letter dated 14 September 2005 and the oversight in not replying to the specific points in your letter dated 29 June 2005. You will be aware of the substantial volume of work being undertaken by the Panel and the Secretariat at present in connection with the forthcoming EiP and this has resulted, unfortunately, in slippage when dealing with specific queries.

Local representation on Matter 8H1

The Panel have endeavoured to address some of your Council's concerns by inviting PORA and the Roydon Society to share a seat at Matter 8H1. You will have noted that this Matter is heavily subscribed with 32 participants and it is therefore not possible for the Panel to invite North Weald Parish Council in their own right. However, perhaps they could attend as the nominated representative of the Essex Association of Local Councils? Alternatively could the Parish Council perhaps have a 'hot seating' arrangement with your Council? As you are aware any non-participant can provide a written submission on Matter 8H1 by 9 December 2005, no later than 16.30. Such a submission will inform the debate and be distributed to all participants; non participants can receive copies of all the statements received on a particular Matter upon request to the office – the easiest method of distribution is electronic. If, having read all the statements on the Matter, the Panel decides that they need to hear from the author of a written submission then a late invitation might be issued.

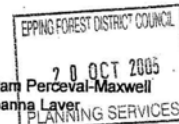
The point you raise about the Highways Agency was addressed at the Third Preliminary Meeting and I quote the relevant paragraph, 3.15, below:

“The Panel confirmed that the Highways Agency have not specifically been invited to the Sub-Regional sessions. The Agency has provided a detailed commentary on Table 8.3 of the Draft Plan that will be the starting text for the Matter 8 debates. Where the Panel wish to hear from the Agency, and the debate on Harlow could be one such instance, the Agency would be able to 'hot seat' with the Government Office.”

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Venue for Matter 8H

You will be aware that, following the deferment of the start date for the Examination it has been necessary to find another venue for the post Christmas sessions. Thus, Matter 8H will be heard at the Spirella Ballroom, Letchworth which the Panel hopes will be a more convenient venue to those living to the south of the region.

District Council Participation on Matters 1-7 and 9

You will be aware of the difficulties facing the Panel in trying to accommodate those District Authorities who hold different views to that of their County Authority. You will be aware that your Authority has now been invited to participate in its own right at Matter 3 as well as 8H1 but it has not been possible to include it at the many other sessions suggested in your letter of 29 June. I note that you have made written submissions on Matters 1A, 1B, 1C, 2A, 2B, 2C, 5A and 5B. These submissions have been distributed to the Panel and the participants and, as stated earlier in this letter, you can request copies of the various statements (by e-mail) from Jo Laver at the Secretariat office.

I believe your concerns about issues debated earlier in the Examination were addressed at the Third Preliminary Meeting, paragraph 5.12 of the Minutes states:

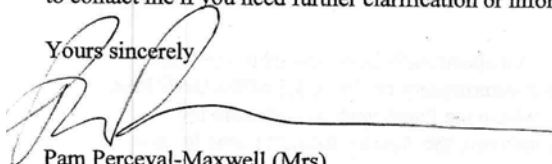
“The Chairman was asked about the interplay between the general and Sub-Regional debates. He confirmed that the Panel will ‘collect’ issues that arise when preparing for the Sub-Regional debates and will bring such issues into the Panel Notes. Participants who think that an earlier debate may have relevance to something being debated at a later stage were again urged to make use of the public gallery.”

Draft List of Matters

As stated at the Third Preliminary Meeting (paragraph 3.1 of the Minutes refer) there has been and will be no further amendment to the Matters as published. However, the Panel have taken on board the many points raised during the consultation period on the Draft List of Matters and are likely to use those comments to inform the more focussed Panel Note which will be issued prior to each session. The Panel Note will be distributed to all participants for the appropriate Matter and will be available on the day in paper form for non-participants.

I trust this is a full response to the various points raised by your Council but please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further clarification or information.

Yours sincerely



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