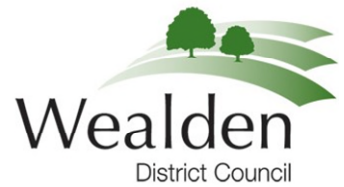


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Director & Deputy Chief Executive
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Dear Ms Nurser

Thank you for your letter containing the outcome of the Wealden Local Plan Examination, which was sent to the Council on 20 December 2019. I understand that the Programme Officer, Ms Benton, is no longer working for you so I am sending this letter via the Plan Admin team.

The Council is disappointed with your conclusions concerning the failure on the Duty to Co-operate and that you consider our approach to the air quality issues within the Habitats Regulations Assessment was not justified and lacking in "scientific credibility". We are particularly disappointed in the time it has taken for you to forward your letter, since you indicated you would come to a conclusion by the end of August. I believe your letter was not sent to MHCLG until the end of October.

However, I can inform you that the Council will not be challenging the outcome contained in your letter, nor will we require a further detailed report. We will be recommending the withdrawal of the WLP at our Full Council meeting on 19 February 2020.

Yours sincerely



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