OUR REF: MB

ASK FOR: Marina Brigginshaw ext 2498

DATE: 3rd September 2015

YOUR REF:

Wealden District Council

Mrs Lynette Benton

By email only

Dear Lynette,

Re: Affordable Housing Delivery Local Plan

I am writing further to the recent revocation of guidance and policy concerning affordable housing planning obligations and the implications for the Affordable Housing Delivery Local Plan.

It is considered that in order for the Affordable Housing Delivery Local Plan to be compliant with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the National Planning Practice Guidance that the Plan, as submitted, requires modification.

The Council has previously consulted upon a Proposed Submission Affordable Housing Delivery Local plan, which was considered NPPF compliant prior to the publication of the Ministerial Statement on Friday 28th November 2014 now quashed. Subject to agreement by the Planning Inspector, it is now proposed to undertake a six week consultation on modifications to the submitted Affordable Housing Delivery Local Plan, which is attached, under The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

It is considered that as the changes relate to a change in threshold, which was previously consulted upon, and does not have an impact on the evidence base submitted for examination the modifications are not a significant change to policy.

I would be grateful if you can confirm whether this course of action is acceptable to the Planning Inspector.

Yours sincerely

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