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Dear Sir

**RE: Newark & Sherwood Amended Allocations & Development Management DPD Examination**

Thank you for your letter of the 25 July 2025, regarding the agreement of the Main Modifications, I am mindful that with regards to Matter 4 Affordable Housing and Matter 5 Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation the Council suggested that Main Modifications would be required to address issues identified.

With regards to Matter 4 affordable housing there were a number of proposed modifications which the Council made in [CD05](#) Proposed Main Modifications and Clarification Minor Amendments submitted alongside the plan. These matters were further discussed in the Council's Hearing Statement ([M4.01](#)). Additionally at the hearing sessions during discussions of Matter 2 it was proposed that text around paragraph 8.7 in the Homes for all section needed amending in relation to the affordable housing need figure quoted.

With regards to Matter 5 Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation the Council has suggested that NUA/GRT/12 Old Stable Yard should be deleted from the plan in its Proposed Main Modifications submitted alongside the plan ([CD05](#)). Subsequently in our matter statement ([M5.01](#)) we set out our understanding of the implications of the Smith judgement:

*"In order for the Plan to fully respond to the implications of the Smith judgement, and the latest evidenced need data (outlined in the response to Q5.1), the Council would welcome the opportunity to discuss the potential for main modifications being made to Policy GRT1, and its supporting justification. These modifications would be to make clear that the Council has set an overall requirement of 169 pitches over the plan period. But that the relevant local target for the five-year land supply test is that compliant with Annex 1 of the PPTS, and this equates to 134 over the plan period (breaking down into the distinct five-year blocks detailed in Q5.1)"*

We also set this out in our letter of the 31 March in response to your further questions on Matter's 4 and 5 ([NS18](#)).

The Council has not submitted a final set of modification on Matters 4 and 5, Chapter 8 of the plan because, ahead of your direction on these matters we would not be in a position to do so. I am acutely aware of the time it has taken to get to this point, and the Council wishes for the Examination process to conclude as quickly as possible. To that end if the Inspector is content with the Council's positions on Matters 4 and 5 then we have prepared Main Modifications in anticipation of this which we can share with you as soon as practically possible to allow Main Modifications on the whole plan to be finalised and consulted upon.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Matthew Norton', written over a light blue circular stamp.

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