Dear Ann,

Croxley Green Neighbourhood Plan Examination

Further to my letter to you dated 1 August, we have now had the opportunity of studying in more depth the queries you raised by way of your email to Claire May dated 30 July 2017 and would comment as follows.

We are very grateful to you in identifying matters where further thought and consideration needs to be focused and for the very helpful co-operation of temporarily suspending your examination for these to be addressed. I will use your annotation for ease of reference.

1. I confirm that the details provided to you by Claire May by way of her email dated 18 July 2017 correctly states the position regarding Regulation 14 consultation.

2. See 1. Above

3. We have received a copy of the email from TRDC dated 14 August 2017 with TRDC’s revised comments and our response to the revised comments will follow within two weeks of that date.

4. Regarding the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA):
   a. As set out in the Consultation Statement (para 3.2.1, page 22) a consultation letter (Annex G) was sent out on 28 June 2016 to Consultees listed in Annex H which included English Heritage, Environment Agency and Natural England. The consultation was on the Final Consultation Draft of the Plan and Appendices dated 2 February 2016.
   
   b. Responses to the consultation were requested by 19 August but this was extended to 9 September.
c. As reported in our Basic Conditions Statement, para 5.2.1, page 36 none of the three bodies raised significant issues or objections and their specific comments were incorporated in the final submission draft of the Neighbourhood Plan. The response is cited under paragraph 4.6.2, page 27, of the Consultation Statement and Consultation Comment 52 in Annex 1, page 63. The specific response from the Environment Agency dated 2 August 2016 is attached from which you will see it is proffering joint advice from Natural England, English Heritage and the Forestry Commission. No specific response was received from Natural England, English Heritage.

d. On the 9 October 2016 a letter was sent to all consultees, see attached, which provided a link to the amended draft Plan resulting from the consultation process. It was accordingly on the Council’s web site. This we believe covers the required principles of Regulation 11 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

e. As the responsible body TRDC will need to answer your question.

5. We are currently looking at the Habitat Regulation Assessment issue but as advised by you no specific new work on this is being done until you are satisfied with the responses given above and that we have undertaken all the appropriate consultations and procedures for the SEA which I believe we have done.

I would welcome therefore your confirmation that we have satisfied all the criteria for the SEA and the only outstanding issue is the HRA.

Regards,

[Signature]

David Allison
Clerk to the Council