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Dear Ms Wilkin,

Re: Final Draft Development Plan Practice Note (DPPN) 11: Receipt of Independent Examination Report and Adoption of a Development Plan Document.

Thank you for your e-mail dated 4th October 2022 regarding the final draft of Development Plan Practice Note (DPPN) 11, which has taken account of previous comments submitted by councils.

It is noted that as set out at paragraph 5.7 a council may be granted a two week period for fact checking aspects of the report immediately prior to the Department issuing its Direction to that council.

Whilst this is welcomed, the Council considers that the word "may" (be granted) should be replaced with "will". In addition to this the Council considers that a period of two weeks for fact checking the document is insufficient, particularly given the document's importance and taking account of the various local council governance arrangements (presentation to Committees, etc).

The Council suggests that this fact-checking period is extended to at least 8 weeks.

Yours faithfully,

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