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Dear Ms Kingaby

Warfield Neighbourhood Plan

I am writing in response to your letters dated 3 June and 11 June 2019. The reason for this letter is to seek clarification of certain statements made in your letters which I believe relate to the email sent to you on 28 May 2019 by Matt Lunn (copy attached for reference – Appendix 1).

I was somewhat concerned to read in your letter of 11 June that you were surprised that the options in the email were not the result of discussions between Bracknell Forest Council (BFC) and Warfield Parish Council (WPC). However, on reading the email I can see no mention of the options contained in it being the result of discussion between BFC and WPC. You also say that you understood that the option of deleting the policy had the support of WPC. Again, I can find no reference in the email to this option having the support of WPC.

This email advised that the Air Quality Assessment to enable an Appropriate Assessment to be carried out will be likely to take 6 or more months to conclude. It also asked whether you would be supportive of WPC proceeding with either of the two options you set out in your 11 June letter.

The purpose of the email was simply to understand what options are available to WPC to progress the current examination. This was sought in advance of BFC meeting with WPC in order to help set some parameters for, and give focus to, those discussions.

I can see no indication in the email of 28 May to suggest either that these options had been discussed with, or were supported by, WPC, and I can also see no indication that BFC had a preference for either option. The intention was to obtain your views on the options available to WPC to progress the examination prior to BFC meeting with WPC to discuss matters you raised.

In your letter of 3 June, you advise that the second option should be followed – the deletion of Policy WNP2. WPC subsequently wrote on 5 June, stating that BFC’s “intervention” appeared to have “drawn you into making a premature decision”. However it appears to me that it was never the intention of BFC to draw you into making any decision.

In your letter of 11 June, you state, in the second paragraph, that BFC had implied that the second option was supported by WPC. I am confused by this statement as I cannot see any reference whatsoever in the correspondence I have seen from BFC that would lead you to this conclusion. If there is any other correspondence that does say this I would be grateful if you could point me to it. You also assert that BFC had “proposed” the deletion of Policy WNP2 without the support of WPC. Again, I would be grateful if you could identify where in any correspondence BFC has proposed the deletion of this policy. The email from Matt Lunn is perfectly clear that that is just one option on which BFC sought your views.

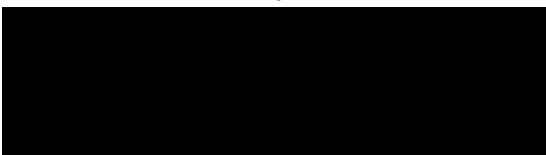
Please can you confirm whether or not there is any communication, other than the email of 28 May, that has led you to make the statements referred to above.

I wish to be clear that, notwithstanding the comments made in response to the Regulation 16 consultation, BFC is generally supportive of the Warfield Neighbourhood Plan. In the coming weeks, BFC will be meeting with WPC to discuss the matters raised; specifically:

- i) the principle of including the Policy WNP2 site allocation in a Neighbourhood Plan;
- ii) the Appropriate Assessment required to support WNP2; and
- iii) the preparation of a Statement of Common Ground.

We will provide you with an update in due course and trust that the examination can progress to a satisfactory conclusion.

Yours sincerely



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