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Planning Inspectorate

To the allocated Case Officer,

Dear Sir or Madam,

### **Submission of a draft Borough Plan Review (Local Plan)**

In accordance with Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, please find enclosed the supporting documents to enable independent examination of the Borough Plan Review.

The document submission list, comprising forty three documents, together with this supporting letter, are provided via OneDrive in support of this application. If any of these documents are required as hard copies or as unredacted versions, the Council contacts (details on the top of this letter) will be happy to provide these in a timely manner. The Council has reviewed the documents and consider the submission to be sound. However, please contact the Council Officers, for any queries, or for any further information required.

The submission list has been provided as a pdf version. Details of the documents for the Borough Plan Review process are provided on the [Council's website](#). This website is currently being updated (which will take approximately 24 hours) to include all of the documents submitted for the examination process. However, from Wednesday 21st February (approximately), Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council are moving to a new version of our website provider's software. Therefore, the weblink for the Submission webpage will change. Please use the following link after this date (or when

the previous link stops working): <https://pre.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk/adopted-borough-plan/borough-plan-1>

The submitted documents include (but are not exclusively) the following:

- Publication version of the Borough Plan Review (2021-2039).
- Borough Plan Review Policies Map (2022).
- Borough Plan Review Policies Map Key (2022).
- Duty to Cooperate Compliance Statement (2024).
- Letter to NBBC from NWBC about Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Plan.
- Statements of Common Ground (x18).
- Sustainability Appraisal – Non-Technical Summary, Report and Site Appraisal Matrix Submission (2023).
- Habitat Regulations Assessment (2023).
- Borough Plan Review – Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Schedule (2023).
- Viability Assessment (2023).
- Consultation Statement (2024).
- Statement of Community Involvement (2023).
- Equality Impact Assessment (2023).
- Representations to the Borough Plan Review (2021-2039) Regulation 19 consultation (x5).
- Development Needs and Supply Background Paper (2024).
- Submission version of Borough Plan Review Housing Trajectory (2024).
- Local Development Scheme (2023).
- Letter to Secretary of State (notification of submission).

The Council received a total of 63 written responses to the Regulation 19 consultation on the Publication version of the Borough Plan Review. The main issues raised by these parties (not exhaustive) include:

- Concerns regarding compliance with the Duty to Cooperate due to a lack of publicly available evidence such as signed Statement of Common Grounds with relevant parties at the time of the Regulation 19 consultation.
- Clarification as to how Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council will meet the strategic employment needs, identified in the HEDNA, how the Plan will consider and / or explore any possible opportunities for such sites and how delivery (or non-delivery) may impact on the adjoining authorities.

- Clarification as to how Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council will address wider housing needs (unmet needs) and how delivery (or non-delivery) may impact on adjoining authorities.
- The need to undertake a comprehensive Green Belt Review to inform the Borough Plan Review.
- Concerns regarding the re-use of currently adopted Supplementary Planning Documents and elevation of these documents by virtue of them being referenced within policies.
- Concerns regarding the evidence to support the requirement for developments to meet the Nationally Described Space Standards.
- Concerns regarding the requirement for M4(2) and M4(3) dwellings is not justified as there is no evidence of local need.

In total 31 parties have expressed attendance or representation at examination. Proposed minor modifications to the Borough Plan Review have been provided to assist the Inspector and at this stage, whilst it is unclear how many hearing days will be required, the Council anticipates it will be a minimum of two weeks.

An independent Programme Officer - Helen Wilson - has been appointed and email and telephone details have been provided separately. The Programme Officer does have some commitments in the coming months, in relation to other public inquiries, but does not consider this will be an issue in relation to the Examination of the Borough Plan Review (2021-2039). Other than this, the Council are available at any time to suit the Inspector and the Council is eager to proceed.

The purchase order for PINS is NB051237.

We trust this covers all the initial requirements and look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours faithfully



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