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Dear Gloria,

Cambridge Local Plan Examination – Schedule of Work

Thank you for your letter dated 7 September 2016. As you noted in your letter, in July 2016, Cambridge City Council committed to providing the Inspectors with an update in relation to the further work currently being undertaken. An initial update was provided in August 2016. This has now been updated in order to provide more information and is attached to this letter.

The attached schedule outlines the specific work being undertaken, relevant committee dates and the target dates for submission to the Inspectors. Please note that joint issues have been co-ordinated with South Cambridgeshire District Council.

I hope that this information is helpful and will allow further progress to be made with compiling the Programme for the remainder of the Examinations. As you know, the Council is committed to progressing the Local Plan Examination and being able to move forward to adoption as quickly as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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Cambridge Local Plan Examination: Schedule of Work (September 2016)

Further Work	Status	Dates for Committee		Submission to Inspectors
Joint Work				
Gypsies and Travellers	<p>The Cambridgeshire, King's Lynn and West Norfolk, Peterborough and West Suffolk Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment is being finalised.</p> <p>The Councils are currently considering the findings of the work and the need for modifications to the Local Plans, and will be taking proposed modifications to the Local Plan in response to the new evidence document through our respective committees.</p>	<p>South Cambridgeshire Planning Portfolio Holder</p> <p>8 November 2016</p>	<p>12 December 2016</p>	
		<p>Full Council meeting</p> <p>24 November 2016</p>		
		<p>Cambridge Development Plan Scrutiny Sub-Committee</p> <p>6 December 2016</p>		
Transport	<p>As requested by the Inspectors, the Councils were working with Matter 7 participants on technical information from the modelling as part of preparing a Statement of Common Ground. However, the Inspectors then wrote to the Councils in May 2015 seeking further work to be done and suspending the examination. As part of that additional work, the Councils prepared an updated Transport evidence document 'Local Plans CSRM – Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire Local Plans Transport Report', November 2015 (RD/MC/070), submitted to the examination in March 2016. The County Council is currently updating the Cambridge Sub Regional Model. It is proposed that discussions recommence with Matter 7 participants when that is available and a Statement of Common Ground be prepared and submitted to the examination. It is expected that should be possible by the end March 2017.</p>			By end of March 2017.
Cambridge Only Work				

Student Accommodation	Cambridge City Council and Oxford City Council have appointed Cambridge Centre Housing and Planning Research to undertake the study on the need for and supply of student accommodation. The work is currently being undertaken. The final report is expected in December 2016, and we are currently working through arrangements for taking the report through committee.	Development Plan Scrutiny Sub-Committee	early January 2017	Mid February 2017
		Full Council	early February 2017	
Accessible and Lifetime Homes	Cambridge City Council is currently undertaking secondary research on the issue of accessible homes. The Council will be taking the assessment on accessible homes and any modifications to the Local Plan through committee.	Development Plan Scrutiny Sub-Committee	early January 2017	Mid February 2017
		Full Council	early February 2017	
Monitoring Framework	Work on the monitoring framework for the Cambridge Local Plan is ongoing. The Council will be taking modifications to the Local Plan in relation to the monitoring framework through committee.	Development Plan Scrutiny Sub-Committee	early January 2017	Mid February 2017
		Full Council	early February 2017	

Note: Residential Space Standards issues were addressed by Cambridge City Council as part of the Proposed Modifications consulted on in late 2015. Modifications were proposed to address the introduction of the national space standard through a Written Ministerial Statement dated 25 March 2015. See RD/MC/140 Cambridge Local Plan Proposed Modifications (March 2016) for further information on the modifications proposed and the evidence on need, viability and timing at pages 51 – 53.