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Dear Sir / Madam

Thank you for your letter of 14<sup>th</sup> May. I respond in the order of your letter.

I note that the updated Tables 1 and 2 have altered the housing figures from those previously provided to me. Has this resulted in an alteration to the figures in CD4.33 and the various attachments therein? If so (as appears likely) please could you forward an updated version of CD4.33 with the alterations highlighted.

I note with thanks your alterations to the 400m exclusion zones, policy E4 and policy G1. Please could you send me the updated modification schedule with these amendments.

Policy G2 – I note the change to criterion (b) (as amended); thank you. However, in relation to the wording of (c), this is still more restrictive than the advice in the Framework which simply says that buildings should be of permanent and substantial construction. Moreover, the extension or alteration of a building is not inappropriate unless it is a disproportionate addition over and above the size of the original building. The requirement therefore for 'minimal reconstruction' would appear to be in conflict with national policy. I suggest that part (c) is removed from the policy in order to ensure it is sound.

A further matter which I would like to bring to your attention relates to Policy G5 – Areas of Separation. I note that these are all Green Belt areas yet the policy appears to be more restrictive than national Green Belt policy. I note that this policy follows the requirements of policy CS19 but consider that the Council should either include reference to national Green Belt policy within G5 (and make it clear that no further constraints are being placed on development), or simply rely on policy CS19.

I look forward to a response in relation to the above by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013.

Yours faithfully

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