

**Examination of the Ashfield Local Plan**

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Dear Ms Sarris,

**Re: Examination of the Ashfield Local Plan 2023-2040**

Thank you for your letter dated 10 January in respect of the above and the accompanying timetable for the progression of the further work we have requested.

We note that your response is principally focussed on the work to identify additional sites. However, please ensure that you address all of the points raised including those regarding the effect on the Green Belt. The Council should also provide, alongside any additional sites proposed to be identified, cogent reasons why the Spatial Strategy would be an appropriate strategy.

If the Council resolves to identify any additional sites currently within the Green Belt, very clear justification should be provided as to why you are not pursuing other sites outside the Green Belt.

We would be grateful if you could update us, via the Programme Officer, on a monthly basis of the progress of the further work. If there are any significant changes to your timetable, then we may need to review our position in the future.

We look forward to receiving your updates in due course.

Yours sincerely,

*Philip Mileham and Graham Wyatt*

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