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| Ashfield District Council  Forward Planning  Urban Road  Kirkby-in-Ashfield  Nottingham  NG17 8DA | **Our ref:** LT/2006/000229/CS-10/SB1-L01  **Your ref:**  **Date:**  10 December 2024 |

Dear Miny Schofield,

**Ashfield Local Plan Examination - Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions - Matter 10**

Thank you for giving the Environment Agency the opportunity to comment on the above mentioned documents. We have previously addressed on Matters 1, 2, 3 & 8. In this response we will address Matter 10, we have no comments to make towards Matters 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11 or 12.

**Matter 10 – Site allocations**

The Environment Agency (EA) have no substantial comment to make on this matter, we do have specific comments in relation to point 10.3.

*10.3 - How did the Council take into account flood risk? Has the Plan applied a sequential, risk-based approach to the location of development, taking into account all sources of flood risk and the current and future impacts of climate change so as to avoid, where possible, flood risk to people and property as required by paragraph 161 of the Framework?*

Although this question is made directly to the council, we feel our comments would be helpful. All sites allocated for housing and employment, with one exception, have been located in flood zone 1, we welcome this. The exception is EM2 H2, which is located in flood zones 2 and 3.

Some other sites are adjacent to flood zones, for example H1SI, but appear to be located outside the flood zone outlines, and therefore are not perceived to be at risk from fluvial flooding.

Yours faithfully,

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