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By email, care of Annette Feeney, Programme Officer: afeeney@castlepoint.gov.uk

Date: 16 November 2026

Dear Mr Worden and Ms Carpenter,

Re: Letter seeking clarification on the next steps for the Castle Point Plan examination

I am writing with regards to your letter dated 2 November 2026, entitled ***Examination of the Castle Point Plan – Note following initial hearings***.

Having reviewed your letter, we wish to seek clarity on two points before proceeding to prepare a resolution for the Council to consider. These points are as follows:

1. We seek confirmation from you regarding the interpretation of paragraph 16, as there is some ambiguity as to its requirements. Our understanding is that you are seeking a commitment to the principle of Green Belt release, with specific allocations to be driven by subsequent technical work. You are not seeking a specific list of Green Belt site allocations to be identified at this time. We'd be grateful for your urgent confirmation on this matter.

2. Secondly, we seek confirmation from you that passing a resolution at this time will not prejudice or pre-determine the Council's ultimate right to debate the detailed merits of individual site allocations or associated policies at a later stage in the examination process.

Within your letter you seek for the Council to make a resolution within six weeks. I can confirm that we have scheduled an extraordinary meeting of the Council to consider this matter. That meeting will take place on 8 December 2026, with papers published on the 30 November 2026.

I would be grateful for a prompt response to this letter, as we need to prepare an appropriate and informed report for our Council Members to consider in relation to the resolution sought. That includes an assessment of any cost and legal implications, hence the clarity being sought as outlined above.

Yours sincerely,



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