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Dear Mr Forest

Re: Tamworth Borough Council – Local Plan Examination and Notification of Pre-Hearing Meeting

The Programme Officer for Tamworth's Local Plan Examination has passed your letter dated 16 March 2015 on to us.

Whilst the Council's response to the Inspector's Discussion Note will address the main body of your letter covering housing needs, we are concerned with your claim that; the Council has failed to make available part of the Local Plan evidence base during the pre-submission consultation.

The document which we understand you are referring to is the *South-East Staffordshire Housing Needs Study – Tamworth Housing Needs Assessment, HEaDROOM Update Report, 7 October 2014*. This document was prepared prior to the Local Plan Pre-Submission Public Consultation (22 October to 3 December 2014), and was made available on the Council's website in preparation of the consultation starting. This document was made available on the Local Plan evidence base page <http://www.tamworth.gov.uk/core-documents-local-plan>, as document B10 and is still available as part of the Local Plan examination.

Placing all the Local Plan evidence base documents on the Council's website ensures that they reach a wide audience of people who can view them on various electronic devices. It is possible to use the computers in the libraries and Council offices at Marmion house to access the Council's website to view all the Local Plan documents. A hard copy of this particular document was available to view at the consultation events during the Pre-Submission consultation.

Finally I can confirm arrangements are already in place for microphones to be used at the Assembly Rooms for the Pre-Hearing Meeting on 27 March 2015.

Yours sincerely

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