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Dear Mr Tee,

RE: EXAMINATION OF THE IPSWICH BOROUGH COUNCIL CORE STRATEGY AND POLICIES PLAN – CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED FOCUSED CHANGES

I write in response to the above consultation. Whilst Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) raises no objections to the soundness or legal compliance of the proposed changes, we wish to make the following comments.

Suffolk Coastal District Council acknowledges and accepts the need for revised timings for the housing provision within the Ipswich Northern Fringe as set out in the revisions to policy CS10, including the requirement for between 1,000 and 1,500 dwellings within the northern fringe by 2021.

The District Council also acknowledges the recognition of the cumulative impacts the development would have upon designated sites within the Suffolk Coastal District and welcomes the Borough Councils commitment for joint working. It is understood and appreciated this joint working is to ensure the strategic provision and implementation of joint infrastructure, including the early provision of open space/a country park and the creation of links to existing paths in the Fynn Valley in order to reduce pressure on the Deben and Orwell Estuaries, as stated in Policies CS10 (Ipswich Northern Fringe) and CS16 (Green Infrastructure Sport and Recreation) and the accompanying text.

The proposed early review in 2012/13 is also supported by SCDC, as an early review is advocated by our emerging Reviewed Core Strategy, based upon the conclusions of the Oxford Economics study regarding jobs and housing. This document forms part of SCDC's evidence base.

Yours sincerely

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