



# WORTHING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Planning and Development

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**(By email C/O Chris Banks – Programme Officer)**

29<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Mr Lee,

**Worthing Local Plan – Response to Inspector’s Letter (Reference IL09)**

Thank you for your letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> March (Ref IL09) regarding the recent appeal decision on the Chatsmore Farm site.

As previously stated (letter reference WB-E-22), the Council was surprised and disappointed with the outcome of the appeal. Following a careful consideration of the decision (APP/M3835/W/21/3281813) the Council has instructed its legal team to prepare a challenge and apply for a Judicial Review.

In the meantime, the Council notes and welcomes your comments relating to this decision and how this should not impact on the forthcoming consultation on the proposed Modifications. As you rightly state in paragraph 5 of your letter it is important that an up-to-date plan is in place for Worthing as it will provide the necessary certainty about the scale, type and location of future development whilst also clearly identifying the areas that the Council considers should be protected.

Following many years of hard work, community engagement and significant expense the Council remains committed to adopting the Worthing Local Plan at the first possible opportunity. Consultation on the proposed Modifications is due to commence in early April and it is hoped that this will be the final key step before the Plan can be found to be sound and then adopted.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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