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Please ask for: Gary Palmer

Date: 15<sup>h</sup> March 2023

Dear sir/madam

**SOLIHULL LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION**

1. Thank you for your letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
2. The Council remains committed to ensuring a pragmatic plan can be adopted as soon as possible so that communities can benefit from having from an up-to-date plan; but it recognises that the potential changes to the NPPF are likely to be an important change in circumstances that ought to be taken into account as part of the examination.
3. The Council, therefore, reluctantly, supports your proposal to pause the examination until the revisions to the NPPF have been finalised and published. It is expected that this will occur in the spring, and it is agreed that the situation will need to be kept under review depending on timescales for publication of the revised NPPF.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'G. Palmer'.

**Gary Palmer**  
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