

Mr P. Griffiths  
Planning Inspectorate,  
c/o Programme Officer

By email

Your Ref:

**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017

My Ref:

**Contact:** Mrs Jenny Clifford  
Head of Planning, Economy  
and Regeneration

Dear Mr Griffiths,

## **EXAMINATION INTO THE SUBMISSION MID DEVON LOCAL PLAN REVIEW 2013 – 2033**

I refer to the forthcoming Examination Hearings, scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 on the proposed allocation at Junction 27 of the M5 together with associated housing allocations.

Having reviewed the statements received by participants and on taking legal advice, the Council now believes that it should commission an independent report to review the major modifications stage of the Sustainability Appraisal. This could then be presented as an addendum to the Sustainability Appraisal. We consider such report and potential SA addendum would be beneficial to your examination of these aspects of the Plan. **The Council therefore wishes to propose an adjournment of the sessions scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 (both days).** I anticipate that it would be prudent to allow a period of up to 6 months for completing the review and subsequent consultation.

I appreciate that this requested delay will be the cause of some concern; however we consider that this work will benefit the examination, aid your decision and give additional assurance to hearing participants and the public that a fair and thorough assessment has been undertaken.

Once you have had the opportunity to consider this request, I would be grateful for your response. If you agree that an adjournment is appropriate, it would be useful to understand what process you want to follow with regard to the adjournment.

Yours sincerely

