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Subject: RE: North Dorset Local Plan Examination - Additional Mid Hearing Written Material
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Dear Claire

On behalf of my client I have very limited comments. I email these as they are so short but let me know if I need to issue hard copies also.

At the hearing session in relation to Gillingham I questioned the current reference to a cap on potential retail floor space (see para 9.76) that could be accommodated within the new neighbourhood centre that will be located in the southern extension to Gillingham. It was accepted by the council that the proposed cap had no evidential basis and the Inspector asked the council to look at this issue further. Having reviewed the council's amendments to the Local plan it is clear that no change is proposed nor is any evidence put forward to justify the 500 sqm cap referred to at paragraph 9.76. Accordingly the reference to the cap is unjustified and unreasonable. Retaining it will reduce the plans flexibility to react to rapid change and will undermine the potential viability of the neighbourhood centre.

In light of this the plan is not sound and I must ask again that the council remove reference to the 500 sqm cap for the reasons I have already set out in our representations and discussed at the hearing.

Regards

Matthew Kendrick
Director

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