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Letter to:

All Parish Councils and Town Councils

Sent by email

Dear Sirs,

LOCAL PLAN UPDATE – SITE ASSESSMENT ENGAGEMENT

Over the last couple of months we have been meeting with parish and town councils individually and through the Borough Parish Liaison Forum to discuss the Local Plan Update process.

A key next step in the Local Plan Update is the assessment of sites that have been promoted to the council for development by landowners, developers and third parties. As you will be aware the information on these sites was published on the council's website on 21st September 2016. Any new sites promoted to us will also be made available online.

In our meetings there has been a desire for Parish Councils and Town Councils to have an opportunity to support the site assessment process. We welcome this and wish to draw on your local knowledge.

Since the meetings we have been considering how this can best be undertaken. Attached is a template form for providing information to us. It is important that the information you provide is objective, credible and robust. This is because we will use it in making decisions that will be scrutinised through independent examination.

Comments should highlight issues that might prevent or restrain development, where mitigation might be required, the infrastructure that would need to be provided, and opportunities for development or for limiting the impacts of development. Photographs or sketch maps illustrating the comments would be welcomed.

Details of the promoted sites can be accessed via the Local Plan Update webpage
<http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/localplanupdate/>

By clicking on the "Call for sites update" box you can access the following

1. **Suggested Site List (PDF Document)** – a list of the promoted sites including the promoted use.
2. **Suggested Site list and Maps (PDF Document)** – a list of the promoted sites with accompanying maps
3. **Interactive map** – a way of seeing the promoted sites on an active map, allowing you to zoom in to a closer scale.
4. **Interactive map user guide (PDF Document)** – a step by step guide on how to use the interactive map.

Should you have any issues using this information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

To fit into our timetable we would be grateful to receive completed forms by Monday 12 December 2016.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please contact us on 0118 974 6478 or by emailing LPU@wokingham.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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Enc: Site Assessment Engagement Form (November 2016).