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Subject: Further consultation on the Tunbridge Wells BC Local Plan.

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Dear Examiner of the Local Plan,

I write in respect of the above and to specifically raise concern that it is increasingly clear that the TWBC will fall well short of identifying the required supply of housing for the Local Plan period.

I have recently read the case of Solihull Council where a similar situation arose and the Council were advised to withdraw the Local Plan and start again.

The Council have had ample opportunity to consider sites that were deleted at the 11th hour, at the time of transition between Regulation 18 and Regulation stage. However, they chose not to do so.

In the circumstances it is considered that with the significant passage of time since Regulation 18 stage, the removal of large scale allocations and failure to try to properly replace the numbers, the Plan is clearly unsound.

The direction of the Labour Government is clear, and with the significant uplift in housing numbers identified as required by TWBC, adoption of a Local Plan that fails to effectively tackle the shortage of homes will only serve to exacerbate the housing crisis, fuel house price inflation, and fail to meet the Labour Party's Agenda.

I therefore ask the Inspector to very carefully consider the position of the Local Plan.

Regards

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