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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Planning Policy  
Planning Services  
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council  
Royal Tunbridge Wells  
Kent, TN1 1RS

Dear Sir/Madam,

**REPRESENTATIONS TO THE CONSULTATION ON COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO INSPECTOR'S INITIAL FINDINGS ON THE EXAMINATION OF THE TUNBRIDGE WELLS SUBMISSION LOCAL PLAN**

We write on behalf of Obsidian Strategic Asset Management Limited ('the Client') in respect of the consultation on the Council's response to the Inspector's initial findings regarding the examination of the Tunbridge Wells Submission Local Plan. Our Client has a controlling interest in draft allocated site AL/PE2 Land at Hubbles Farm and South of Hastings Road, Pembury.

**Revised Strategy**

Our Client supports in principle the Council's Revised Development Strategy option 5 for the Tunbridge Wells Submission Local Plan and the progression of a 10-year housing land supply position as a way of accelerating the adoption of the Local Plan. The remaining site allocations, including draft allocation AL/PE2, will support the Council in delivering much needed homes for the Borough to meet their identified housing need and targets.

**Green Belt Study**

Our Client also generally supports the Green Belt Stage 3 Study Addendum and the conclusions that the original Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment, which provides evidence for the formation of site allocations within the Submission Local Plan, remain valid. Our Client supports the limited release of Green Belt land to enable housing delivery on appropriate and sustainable sites which are assessed to have a low harm to the Green Belt, including proposed site allocation AL/PE2 Land at Hubbles Farm and south of Hastings Road.

We would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of these representations and keep us apprised of the next steps of the Local Plan process.

If you require any further information, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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