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Dear Mr Edwards

**Examination of the Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031: Part 1**

Thank you for your recent letter. In the light of your comments about the plans which Cherwell and South Oxfordshire Councils are making in respect of Oxford's unmet housing needs, it is apparent that there may have been recent progress in the Oxfordshire Growth Board's work to agree the distribution of unmet needs in the County. Therefore, to assist my deliberations I would be grateful if you would work together with your colleagues at the Vale (to whom I am copying this letter) to provide me with an **Agreed Statement of Fact** as to the current position regarding the distribution of unmet needs and the timescale for any further resolutions in connection with the matter. I should be grateful to receive this by 29 April 2016 and request that if there is any change in relevant circumstances following this date I am advised of the position in an updated Agreed Statement of Fact.

You refer in your letter to "major" and "minor" modifications and I recognise this is terminology which has been used by other participants in the Examination. Any alterations I consider are necessary to the soundness of the plan will be "main" modifications. Officers at the Vale are currently informally preparing possible modifications which were discussed at the hearings, in advance of the publication of my Interim Findings. Once I have seen the suggested wording I will be in a position to decide which are likely to be necessary to the soundness of the plan (and thus are main modifications), whether any changes to their wording are needed (having regard to the evidence I have read and heard to date) and whether any other, separate, main modifications are likely to be required. Any main modifications I consider that are likely to be necessary to the soundness of the plan will be the subject of full public consultation before I reach my final conclusions on the plan and you will, thus, have the opportunity to submit detailed comments on them at that stage.

I look forward to receiving the Agreed Statement of Fact.

Yours sincerely

*Malcolm Rivett*

INSPECTOR