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Ms Charlotte Glancy
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Dear Charlotte,

Stroud District Council Local Plan Review Examination

Thank you for forwarding to us the further letter dated 16 August 2023 from the Inspectors examining the Stroud District Local Plan Review.

I apologise for not explaining in more detail to you and the Inspectors the timetable for briefing the Leader and senior councillors on their return from annual leave.

I briefed the Leader of the Council on 23 August as I explained to you that I planned to do and I have also managed to brief the Chair of Environment Committee, but we plan to brief the Alliance Group Leaders on the morning of Tuesday 29 August when everyone, including Mark Russell, our Head of Planning Strategy and Economic Development and local plan lead, who is away from work this week, is back from annual leave. This is the first opportunity to brief everyone.

You may appreciate that the Administration of Stroud District Council is a co-operative alliance of the Green Party, Community Independents, Independent Left and Liberal Democrats and is run in the committee system which means that I have three Group Leaders that I work to in addition to the Leader of the Council who need to be briefed. We do not work in the Cabinet and strong leader model.

We intend to publish the Inspectors' letters and my responses and come back to them with an initial response once we have cleared that with the Council's leadership as soon as we can manage that after the meeting with them on 29 August. I anticipate that will be later the same day.

I apologise that that is one working day later than the Inspectors have suggested in their reply of 16 August, but I trust that they will appreciate the need to ensure that the Council's Alliance Group Leaders are briefed first.

We hope that you will understand the reasons for this slight delay, due to the unfortunate timing of the receipt of the letter of 4 August in a month when there is a break in the formal meeting cycle of the Council and lead Members are on annual leave.

Yours sincerely



Kathy O'Leary
Chief Executive