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**Our ref:** SV/2018/110073/CS-  
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**Your ref:** EB110  
**Date:** 24 October 2022

Dear Madam/Sir

**STROUD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN REVIEW – ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL EVIDENCE  
– LIMITED CONSULTATION**

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency (EA) on the Stroud Local Plan Review Additional Technical Evidence Limited Consultation.

We note that much of the Technical Evidence documents relate to transport and viability. We have not reviewed these documents as they are matters not directly within our remit. We have focused our review on the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) 2022 Addendum (undertaken by Arup, Reference: 4.50.09, dated August 2022). (Document ref EB110 on the website).

We are not aware of having been consulted on this report through normal channels prior to it being written. Nor have we had any further discussions with you since our Statement of Common Ground was finalised.

We note the content of the IDP Addendum, in particular the section on ‘Open space, Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity’, and the commentary under each Strategic Site Allocation on ‘Flood Risk Management and Drainage’ and ‘Open space, Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity’.

We were unaware the IDP was being updated / an Addendum being prepared. We note that none of the comments we made in our response to the Pre-submission document/ regulation 19 consultation have been included or referred to (see our letter dated 21 July 2021, our reference SV/2018/110073/CS-04/SB1-L02, copy enclosed). This is surprising particularly with reference to our comments on the evidence base under the water resources and quality section of our letter and the fact that we have raised soundness queries over the matter of water resources – “serious water stress”. The IDP Addendum would have been a good opportunity to include that information as part of the formal evidence base.

I trust the above will assist at this stage. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

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Enclosure: EA letter dated 21 July 2021, our reference SV/2018/110073/CS-04/SB1-L02

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