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Date: 3rd September 2020

Dear Mr Bickerstaff

Belfast LDP – Draft Plan Strategy submission for Independent Examination

I refer to your letters of 3rd July and 27th August 2020 and subsequent email correspondence in respect of the further information and clarification in respect of the original submission and the subsequent information set out in our letter of 31st July 2020.

As previously outlined the Council is grateful for the confirmation that the Planning Appeals Commission is satisfied that our submission 31st July 2020 has provided sufficient clarification of and that the Commission intends to proceed to the organisation of the public hearings.

I can confirm that the Council will provide both digital and physical copies of the available information requested in your correspondence and referred to in our response of 31st July 2020. These relevant documents are detailed below with their titles, digital file names and where appropriate clarifications in relation to their status:

- correspondence from the Chief Planner and Director of Regional Planning, dated 25th September 2019 (BCC-AD-DfILett20190925.pdf), this letter accompanied the publication of the revised Housing Growth Indicators;
- the current version of the Belfast Local Development Plan Timetable (BCC-AD-LDPTT202007.pdf) adopted by the Council following consultation with the Commission and approval by the Department for Infrastructure;
- the Belfast Green and Blue Infrastructure Plan (BCC-AD-GBIP.pdf), which was adopted by the Council but is not supplementary planning guidance in its current form, nor is it a development plan document;
- the Developer Contributions Framework (BCC-AD-DCF.pdf), which was not relied on as part of the evidence base being developed in the context of the existing policy framework and not reflective of changes that would be required to take account of the proposed draft Plan Strategy.

As previously discussed the Public Notices are set out in the documentation comprising the 'Self-assessment of Soundness' whilst the 'Infrastructure Study' is still an emerging piece of work that would not be considered a development plan document, nor was it a supporting document which the Council relied upon as part of the Plan Strategy.

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As previously discussed the Council would welcome the opportunity to clarify a number of procedural aspects through a meeting with the commission including the approach to the naming / hosting of documents relevant to the Independent Examination process. Whilst the Council provided a Schedule of Documents to assist the Commission with the identification of the different elements of the submission / evidence this was before the confirmation of the proposed document hosting arrangements and it would be useful to explore the most appropriate approach to assist potential participants in the identification of relevant documentation across the different websites.

I would be grateful if you could confirm the receipt of the documentation and should you have any queries on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleague, Keith Sutherland, Development Planning & Policy Manager (ext. 3578).

Yours sincerely

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Appended Documents:

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Additional Information Requested in correspondence of 3rd July and 27th August 2020

File Reference*	Document name
BCC-AD-DfILett20190925	Chief Planner and Director of Regional Planning Letter, dated 25th September 2019
BCC-AD-LDPTT202007	Belfast Local Development Plan Timetable (July 2020)
BCC-AD-GBIP	Belfast Green and Blue Infrastructure Plan
BCC-AD-DCF	Developer Contributions Framework

* Final naming / references for documents to be confirmed.