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Dear Mr Waterhouse

Examination of Derby Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy

Arising from my consideration of the written submissions and the oral evidence at the hearings there is a particular matter that I should like the Council to consider further. This relates to the provisions of Policy CP2(p) in so far as it requires developments to be designed and laid out to incorporate sustainable drainage systems. It is the Government's expectation that sustainable drainage systems will be provided in new developments wherever this is appropriate. The Written Ministerial Statement of 18 March 2014 expects this to apply in developments of 10 dwellings or more and major commercial development, unless demonstrated to be inappropriate. However, Policy CP2 goes further than this, imposing no size threshold and applying to all developments. I should be grateful therefore if the Council could look at the wording of criterion (p) and suggest a main modification that would align the text with national policy.

Raising only this particular matter with you at this point does not mean that I have reached overall conclusions on the soundness of the plan. Amongst other things, I will need to consider the response to the current consultation on the sub national population projections and other matters.

In terms of the detail of the Schedule of Main Modifications I should be grateful if a version could be produced with sequential and simple reference numbers (MM1, MM2, MM3 etc in plan order) with no subsets or reference to earlier versions.

Please come back to me via the Programme Officer if you should have any queries about this.

Yours sincerely

M J Moore

Inspector