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Dear Mr Joyce

Re: Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Appeal by Banner Homes Limited

Site at Land At Cotefield Farm, Bodicote

APP/C3105/A/11/2159619/NWF

I am writing to you in relation to the above appeal and would be grateful if the Planning Inspector would consider the content of this letter.

The Council is writing to request an adjournment to the scheduled Public Inquiry for the appeal at Cotefield Farm, as set out above. The Council, in its Rule 6 Statement, made reference to the fact that it was in the process of producing its Annual Monitoring Report. The Annual Monitoring Report which was presented to the Executive Committee on 6 December identified that the Council cannot currently demonstrate that it has a five year housing land supply. As such the report to the Executive also proposed that a further update with policy advice be presented to the Executive in February 2012. It is expected that this document may contain policy advice that is relevant to the above appeal and given the timing of the report it would be difficult for all those involved to deal with at the inquiry.

I am therefore writing to ask for an adjournment of the Inquiry to enable proofs of evidence to be exchanged after the 6 February 2012 when the Council will have considered the update in policy advice. This is likely to reduce the time otherwise needed at the inquiry to deal with the matter.

A copy of the report to the Executive (6 December 2011) is attached to this letter and you will note that the appellant has also been copied in.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Roche

Planning Officer (Major Developments)

CC. Banner Homes