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Date: 19th November 2021

Dear Caroline Burton and Mervyn Curtis (East Farndon Parish Council),

Ref: West Northamptonshire Local Plan Spatial Options Consultation, page 33, Land to the South of Market Harborough, Proposed development 2000+ dwellings between East Farndon and Market Harborough

Thank you for your letter dated 15th November concerning the West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan Spatial Options consultation, and in particular the reference to land to the south of Market Harborough.

I appreciate your concerns and welcome the clarification provided by West Northamptonshire Council in their letter to you dated 27th October 2021 confirming that the Council is not proposing to allocate the site to the south of Market Harborough.

The letter usefully explains the background to the Duty to Cooperate and explains that West Northamptonshire Council have had no request from Harborough District Council to consider allocating the land to meet Harborough's housing needs within West Northamptonshire. I can confirm that this remains the case.

Harborough District Council is beginning the preparation of a new Local Plan, and as part of that process we will need to carefully consider the number of houses required and the most sustainable locations for them. At this very early stage in plan making, it is not possible to provide any absolute certainty about which sites will be allocated for development. The Local Plan process will take some years to prepare and will involve a considerable amount of community engagement to ensure that the views of local residents, businesses and interests together with technical evidence inform the final site selection process.

I appreciate that this may not provide the certainty you are seeking at this stage, but please be assured that I will ensure you are kept informed about the next Harborough Local Plan and notified of all future opportunities to inform the plan and provide views and input.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phil King".

Cllr Phil King
Leader – Harborough District Council