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Our ref:

Dear Madam

Examination of the Harrow Local Plan 2021-2041: Response to Inspector's initial letter to the Council dated 24 March 2025 (LBH/ED2)

I refer to the Inspector's initial letter to the Council dated 24 March 2025 (LBH/ED2).

As requested, please find below a written response to each point in turn:

Hard copies of documents

It is noted that the hard copies of the Regulation 19 Plan (CSD01) and the Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) [CSD03 (a to h)] have been received by the Inspector. We have now received a reformatted copy of the appendices D, E and F of the IIA so that the printed versions of easier to read. These will be printed in full shortly. We are also in the process of preparing a hard copy / printable version of the Policies Map and have almost finalised this. We will provide both the IIA appendices and the Policies Map to the programme officer as soon as they are available; this is anticipated to be by 17 April 2025.

Document CSD05 (Local Plan Regulation 22 Statement) – suggested modifications

Document CSD05 (Local Plan Regulation 22 Statement) documented the outcomes of the Regulation 19 consultation. This included representations received and potential modifications to the submitted plan in response to these, for the Inspector's consideration during her examination of the plan.

As requested, please find attached a document (CSD11) that separates out the modifications in CSD05 which the Council considers would be a main modification and what would be an additional modification. This is based on the suggested modifications at the time the plan was submitted.

As indicated in the Duty to Cooperate Statement Submission Version (CSD04), the Council is continuing to progress further statements of common ground (SoCGs) in

addition to those submitted with the plan. Four remaining statements are being progressed: Environment Agency, Historic England, Transport for London, and the Mayor of London / Greater London Authority. We would anticipate these being available by mid-to-late-April 2025 and the LPA would propose updating the schedule of modifications (CSD11) to reflect any changes arising from the agreed SoCGs at the same time they are all provided to the Inspector (i.e. a single update).

Additional pieces of evidence which are not before the Inspector that you will be relying upon?

No, there are no additional pieces of evidence which are not before the Inspector that we intend to rely upon. Note: in terms of the topic papers, the potential for preparing these was discussed at the advisory visits before submission but at present we have not progressed any. We would however welcome any requests for topic papers from the Inspector that she would consider beneficial to her consideration of the submitted plan as a result of her initial background work.

Hearing dates and venue

We confirm the proposed dates for the hearings are the weeks commencing 7 and 14 July 2025 (excluding 16 July 2025) and the 6 and 7 August 2025. We have also asked all core persons intended to participate in the hearing sessions on behalf of the LPA to reserve the week commencing 23 June 2025 should that week become available as a result of changes to the programme of other Local Plan examinations / participants' availability.

It is noted that it is likely that we will need to identify a suitable substitute programme officer to assist at the hearing sessions during the week commencing 14 July 2025 (if hearings are required during this week). Any such substitute person will meet the requirements of the Planning Inspectorate and be agreed with the Inspector.

We have identified a venue for the hearings and have provisionally booked this for all of the above dates (including the provisional week in June 2025). We are in the process of arranging an inspection of the proposed venue with the Programme Officer to ascertain whether it meets the requirements of the Planning Inspectorate before finalising the booking. We would look to finalise this over the next 1-2 week. Our IT colleagues have been involved in the process and have confirmed that the proposed venue will be able to support the streaming of the hearings, noting the Inspector's previous advice that the hearings will not be hybrid with respect to active participation.

Should you require any further information at this stage, please do not hesitate me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DN Hughes'.

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Attachment: CSD11 – Schedule of proposed modifications (as submitted) (7 April 2025)