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Dear Sir / Madam,



The Council is undertaking consultation on the Main Modifications to the new Local Plan. Once approved the new Local Plan for the Borough to guide development over the next 15 years.

In March 2017 the Council submitted its draft Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination. Mr David Spencer was appointed by the Government as an independent Inspector to undertake the examination and a number of public hearings were held during September and October 2017.

Through this Examination process, the Inspector has considered the evidence supporting the Local Plan and the responses of residents and other stakeholders; as a result a number of 'Main Modifications' to the plan are required.

The Schedule of Main Modifications to the Publication Local Plan and the Schedule of Suggested Modifications to the Policies Map, together with the addendum to the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment will be published for public consultation between **Friday 15**th **December 2017 and 5pm on Friday 9**th **February 2018.** Only those comments received within this period will be considered by the Inspector.

At this stage of the Examination process comments can only be made on the modifications set out within these Schedules listed above. This is not the opportunity to make comments on other aspects of the Plan (including the additional modifications presented for information).

Comments on the Main Modifications must be sent to the Council (details of how to comment are set out below). All of these will be forwarded to the Inspector. The Inspector will then consider all of the representations made on the Main Modifications before finalising his report on the Local Plan.

How to Comment

The consultation documentation will be available to view online via the Council website: www.hartlepool.gov.uk/localplan

Paper copies of the response form are available on request by:

Email - planningpolicy@hartlepool.gov.uk

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Civic Centre – A copy of the Schedule of Main Modifications, Schedule of Suggested Modifications to the Policies Map, Sustainability Appraisal Addendum, Habitats Regulations Assessment and supporting documentation are available to view at request in the Reception.

If you would like any further information, please feel free to contact officers on the above email or by phoning 01429 284084.

Yours sincerely

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