



**Keep Kempton Green  
c/o 20 Green Street  
Sunbury on Thames  
TW16 6RN**

**KeepKemptonGreen@hotmail.co.uk**

Mr John Brooks  
Head of Planning  
Spelthorne Borough Council

25 November 2014

By email to [j.brooks@spelthorne.gov.uk](mailto:j.brooks@spelthorne.gov.uk)

cc: Spelthorne Residents Associations, Spelthorne Borough Councillors

Dear Mr Brooks

#### Local Plan Review

It is getting on for four weeks since your last email on 30 October to us on the subject of working with local communities on the ongoing Review of our Local Plan.

As was discussed at the quarterly meeting of the Planning Department and Residents Associations on 6 October, and subsequently in our exchange of emails, the Planning Practice Guidance issued by the Department of Communities and Local Government (Paragraph: 007 Reference ID: 2a-007-20140306) states that local communities:

*“should be involved from the earliest stages of plan preparation, which includes the preparation of the evidence base in relation to development needs.”*

In your email you said that it would be “some while before I will be in a position to let you know exactly what arrangements the Council will put in place”. Since we will need to prepare in advance for our participation in this ‘working together’, please could you indicate how long this “some while” will be.

In this regard, please could you make the following available to us:

1. In particular, the report referred to in paragraph 2.1 of the document titled Local Plan Working Party, Wednesday 3 September 2014, Report of the Assistant Chief Executive:

*“At the Working Party’s meeting on 7 and 30 January 2013 a report was presented which assessed the Core Strategy and all the other policy documents (Allocations DPD, Saved Local Plan Policies and SPDs) against the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).”*

2. In particular, the background work/evidence which justifies the following statement in paragraph 2.28 of the same document:

*“... on the basis of currently identified housing land availability in the period to 2026 we could sustain a net build rate of around 204 dwellings per annum across the 20 year period to 2026.”*

3. In particular, the background work/evidence which justifies the following statement in paragraph 2.39 of the same document (and a very similar statement in paragraph 2.52):

*“The scale of likely future housing needs is predicted to be beyond what the current Core Strategy and Allocations DPD can provide for. In this respect alone these plans are therefore not up to date.”*

4. In general, all background papers to the Report of the Assistant Chief Executive, which, since it has now been considered by Local Plan Working Party, the Cabinet and the full Council, are required to be made available by the provisions of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 .

5. All information, including maps and graphics, held by Spelthorne Council dated later than 1 January 2013 relating to bus routes and bus services in the Borough of Spelthorne.

Please regard all of the above as also being a formal request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Kind regards

Alan Doyle

for Keep Kempton Green