



Mr Bridgwater
Via email

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Dear Mr Bridgwater

Spelthorne Local Plan Examination

I write in respect of an email of 19 May 2023 sent on behalf of the Leaders of the Green, Labour, Liberal Democrat and Independent Groups to the Programme Officer for the examination, which Ms Glancy forwarded to me for consideration.

The email sets out the wish of the four groups to pause the local plan hearing sessions which are due to commence tomorrow as part of the ongoing examination process into the Spelthorne Local Plan (2022–2037). A senior officer team of the Council has considered the email. The email is an informal request to you on behalf of those four group leaders to pause the process. It does not represent a decision arrived at by the normal governance procedures of the Council which would require a vote at full Council, assisted (as would be normal) by detailed officer advice and debate.

I have therefore written to Councillor Beecher in response to the email and I attach a copy of that response to this letter. The operative decisions of the Council remain in place and provide for the examination to take place, with all the usual procedural protections that attend an examination.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Council Offices on tomorrow. If you require any further assistance from the officer team in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Mouawad
Chief Executive