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(by email)

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Dear Mr Bridgwater

### **Spelthorne Local Plan Examination**

Please find enclosed the letter to the Leader of the Council from the Minister of State for Housing and Planning. A copy of that letter was sent yesterday afternoon on the day of the Extraordinary Council meeting to agree next steps following the three-month pause you agreed to in your letter dated 8 June 2023.

I understand you were provided with a copy of the report to Council, containing three options on how they could proceed. As the Government has intervened to prevent the Council withdrawing the Local Plan, Members proceeded to consider the remaining two options available to them. Option 2 was amended during the meeting and that amended option was then carried at the vote, as follows:

“Extend the pause in the Examination timetable until the proposed changes to the NPPF have been published (expected in the autumn) before determining the next steps and take immediate legal advice to confirm the validity of the minister’s directive.”

As such, I write as Chief Executive of Spelthorne Borough Council to request the further pause as per the decision of the Council. We look forward to receiving your response and my officers will keep in touch with the Programme Officer and officials at the Department of Levelling Up, Homes and Communities to advise on our progress.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Charles Mouawad  
Chief Executive