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Dear Ms West,

**Examination of the Westminster City Plan 2019-2040**

1. Following the final day of the hearing sessions on 15 October 2020 we can now confirm the way forward for the examination.
2. As discussed at the closing session, we have concluded that the Council has complied with the duty to co-operate in the preparation of the City Plan. As also discussed, whilst we consider the submitted City Plan not to be sound, it can be made sound by main modifications.
3. It is currently our intention to write to you again soon to set out an outline of the main modifications necessary for soundness. We will then liaise with you via the Programme Officer to facilitate the production of a schedule of main modifications which will need to be subject to full public consultation and Sustainability Appraisal in due course. As discussed, you may consider a wider Integrated Impact Assessment to be appropriate, but we are happy to leave that decision to the Council.
4. There are a number of outstanding action points arising from the hearing sessions and we have highlighted those which should be given particular priority. Progress on the main modifications will obviously be dependent on the prompt receipt of these priority items.
5. We would like to take this opportunity to again thank you and your colleagues for the constructive approach to the hearing sessions and the examination generally.

Yours sincerely

*Kevin Ward and Luke Fleming*

INSPECTORS