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Dear Matt

### **Examination of Horsham District Local Plan 2023-2040**

I am writing to inform you that Inspector L Fleming BSc (Hons) MRTPI will no longer hold the above-named examination.

The Written Ministerial Statement and the Minister's letter to our Chief Executive, both dated 27 November 2025, set out the government's intention to abolish the Duty to Cooperate early next year. As a consequence, the context for this examination has changed considerably. The Inspector has already sent to you a letter setting out a number of issues that will need to be addressed and has arranged a meeting with you to discuss them.

However, it has now become clear that taking this examination forward will inevitably lead to a considerable increase in demand on the Inspector's time. In the light of this, and the Inspector's other work commitments, the appointed Inspector does not have the workload capacity to efficiently expedite the examination.

In accordance with section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), Inspector J Bore MRTPI has now been appointed to conduct the examination of the Horsham Local Plan 2023-2040.

The Inspector will be in touch to outline the next steps for the examination, as soon as possible.

If you should have any general queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely



*Matthew Giles*

Plans Team