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By e-mail

Dear Mr McGurk

**Request for Clarification from the Examiner to Woodford Neighbourhood Forum and Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council**

Thank you for your letter of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The Council's responses to the requests for information and clarification are as follows:

**1) Neighbourhood Forum and Neighbourhood Area**

***Please can you confirm the following the date that the Neighbourhood Forum was re-designated by Stockport MBC. Please can Stockport MBC also update the website in respect of this.***

The Neighbourhood Forum was re-designated at Full Council on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – detailed here:

<http://democracy.stockport.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=140&MId=25392>

The website has been updated to reflect this: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/woodford-designation/designation-of-woodford-forum>

**2) European Obligations (Sweetman Judgement)**

***Given this and the above post-submission changes into account, please can Stockport MBC confirm whether or not it is satisfied that the Neighbourhood Plan is compatible with European obligations.***

The Council is satisfied that that the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is compatible with European obligations. The environmental statement that supports the NP addresses the European obligations.

**3) Emerging Policy and Housing Land Supply**

***Please can Stockport MBC confirm whether or not it agrees that the approach to housing land supply set out in the Neighbourhood Plan will generally conform to the strategic housing needs requirement for the District based on the latest available information.***

The Council can confirm that the approach to housing land supply in the Neighbourhood Plan is acceptable. As noted in the Examiner's comments both the GMSF and the

Stockport Local Plan (SLP) are at an early stage (Draft GMSF currently out to consultation, Draft SLP due for consultation later in 2019) and as such it would be unreasonable to expect the Woodford NP to take account of the possible outcomes of those plans. The proposals in the NP are reflective of the strategic housing requirements as they stand in the adopted Core Strategy for the borough.

Yours sincerely,

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