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My Ref: Your Ref

Dear Inspectors,

CPR Part 54 and Pre-Action Protocol Letter

Thank you for your letter of 23 August (ID35). We are aware of the CPR Part 54 and Pre-Action Protocol letter from Aardvark Planning Law dated 15 August 2023. We have indicated to Aardvark Planning Law that due to the current holiday season the Council is not in a position to provide any substantive reply (if so advised) by the 30 August.

With regard to your more recent letter (ID35), the Council acknowledges that you state that, in the light of that Pre-Action Protocol letter, you have some soundness concerns in relation to the work that has been undertaken by the Council in response to your Interim Findings (ID28). We now clearly await your more detailed letter which will set these soundness concerns out, and the next steps to remedy these.

We note that you urge the Council to consider the contents of the CPR Part 54 letter and Pre-Action Protocol with regard to implications on the soundness of the Plan. This is something we have and will continue to do. However, in the absence of any detailed and clear assessment of your soundness concerns, and how to remedy them, there is little the Council can do to progress matters further as things stand.

In the meantime, I can confirm that your letter (ID35) and the correspondence from Aardvark Planning Law have been made available on the Examination Library webpages, and that we request this letter also be uploaded at the earliest convenience.

Kind regards

Eddie West Planning Policy and Strategy Manager





