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Dear Geoff,

Written Statement PS.M3.58 sets out Historic England's concerns with regard to the potential impact on the significance of Salisbury Cathedral and the Salisbury Conservation Area. The site promoters (HLM), Wiltshire Council and Historic England have explored the potential for a future housing layout that might positively respond to these important matters, minimising harm and ensuring strategic views to the Cathedral are maintained and that it may continue to be experienced and enjoyed in the wider landscape.

Today (9 April), consultants (Cooper Baillie) for the site promoters submitted a further illustration (ref V6PrposedRevisedTest2.jpg), that with the other views analysis and design work provided enables Historic England to be confident that our previously expressed concerns in PS.M3.58 can be satisfactorily addressed. As a result we no longer intend to challenge the soundness of the Plan or feel it appropriate or necessary to appear at the Hearing tomorrow.

It will however be important that the above contextual information (views analysis and design work) provided by the site promoters team is referenced and made available as part of the Plan's evidence base, and that the further design principles previously tabled by the site promoter and considered by the Council are offered as additional text within the Plan to complement proposed modification PC104

"Long views to the historic City of Salisbury and Salisbury Conservation Area including the spire of Salisbury Cathedral (Grade I listed) are available across the site from the A3094, and at closer range from within the site itself. At the planning application stage, the layout and design of the site would need to give great weight to conserving the significance of these heritage assets and their setting. Development proposals would need to be sensitively designed to ensure that views of the Spire are not significantly compromised. Design and layout would also need to positively address the objectives of the City of Salisbury Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan to minimise harm. Proposals would therefore need to provide for high quality, sustainable development that enhances an important approach to the City and provides links to nearby rights of way."

Thank you for your inviting our involvement in seeking to resolve this important concern.

Do let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincere regards

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