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Mr Andrew Mead
Independent Examiner Hungerford Neighbourhood Plan
c/o
West Berkshire Council
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Sent by email: [REDACTED]

06 August 2025

Dear Mr Mead,

Hungerford Neighbour Plan – Independent Examination

I write briefly on behalf our client in response to your questions to the Town Council (3rd July 2025), and its response, which are now published on the West Berkshire website.

Our client is the owner of land at East of Salisbury Road (Site HUN14). We have made representations at the Regulation 16 submission stage, explaining our concerns with the site selection process, especially in respect of the proposed allocation of Land at Smitham Bridge (Site HUN12).

We note in particular your Q2, which sought explanation about the process and why the allocated sites have been preferred at the exclusion “especially” of HUN14.

We note that there is no specific mention of the relationship with the future of the town allotments in the questions, or in the Town Council’s response. As we have explained in our representations, it is clear that the allotments were a significant factor in influencing the site selection process in favour of Smitham Bridge Road (Policy HUNG12), but the policies do not reflect this or secure their future.

Our client therefore wishes to repeat their concerns and seek assurance that independent examination of the plan will explore this important point.

Yours sincerely,

James Iles, MRTPI
Director

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