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Dear Mrs Trueman,

**Monthly progress update – August 2023.**

The below provides the monthly progress update for August 2023 as requested by the Inspectors in their letter dated 11 October 2022.

1. Lichfield District Council's Cabinet will consider a Local Plan Update report at its meeting on 5 September 2023. The report updates members of Cabinet of the status of the Local Plan examination and provides reflection upon the continued appropriateness of the key approaches of the draft plan, in the context of the local elections which took place in May 2023. The report, following consideration of a range of matters, proposes to recommend to Full Council that the Local Plan 2040 is withdrawn from its examination in public. The [Local Plan Update](#) report is available for public viewing via the Council's website.
2. Any decision to withdraw the Local Plan from its examination would need to be taken by Full Council. Subject to the meeting of Cabinet, any decision to withdraw the Local Plan would then be considered at Full Council on 17 October 2023.
3. The Council is aware that in their letter dated 11 October 2022 (document reference INSP002) the inspectors, following a request from the Council, granted a formal pause in the Examination for a maximum period of 12 months. The meeting of Full Council on 17 October 2023 will take place beyond the 12 months pause which was granted. As such, and given the context above, the Council would request that the pause in the examination be extended beyond October to allow for the above recommendation to be considered and a decision be made by the Council.

I would be grateful if you can confirm if the approach in respect of a further pause is acceptable to you.

Yours sincerely

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Simon Fletcher

Chief Executive