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Sent: 29 April 2021 16:38
To: Jill Glenn
Cc: Heinrich, Susan

Subject: Re: Observations on Breckland Council's Response

Dear Jill

I have to admit that I find it deeply frustrating that the Steering Group has, without invitation, sought to offer its commentary upon the Borough Council's response to my questions set out in the Further Comments document dated 13th April. You will note that I had not invited the Borough Council to comment on your response to that document.

In the interest of fairness I will seek the Borough Council's comments on your observations to their answers, if it wishes to. At the same time I feel that it is only equitable to now offer the Borough Council an opportunity to comment on the Parish Council's answers to the questions posed of them in my Further Comments. What I do not want is for the Steering Group to now further prolong the correspondence by commenting on the Borough Council's response to the Steering Group's comments on its response.

This is a most irregular situation, as it for me as the examiner to run the examination and to invite comments on representations when I consider it to be helpful. This is the second time that the Steering Group has chosen to submit further representations without being requested to do so and it will inevitably prolong the examination as I need to allow further period for the Borough Council to respond. It will now delay the writing of the report.

Susan

I am therefore formally offering Breckland Borough Council the opportunity to consider and if it wishes to, comment on today's letter from the Steering Group. I would also invite the Borough Council to offer any comments it has on any of the Parish Council's responses to my Further Comments document. Can I ask that these comments are sent to me by 5pm on 13th May 2021. It can be copied to the Parish Council but I am not inviting a further rebuttal from it!

In the interests of transparency, I would ask that the respective responses to my Additional Comments and today's letter and the Borough Council's comments, if it wishes to make any, be placed on the respective neighbourhood plan websites along with this email.

Kind regards

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