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# RE: NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL PLAN – COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE INSPECTOR'S INITIAL QUESTIONS

Thank you for your letter of the 18 May 2023, where you have identified a number of matters, which would benefit from further clarification. These matters, along with clarification are included below:

### Timescales for outstanding information

- It is still intended to fully respond to the Gypsy and Traveller issues by the end of June 2023
- It is difficult to determine the timescale for providing the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) with Natural England as we have not been able to send a draft off to Natural England as yet. This week we received late from consultants a Study looking at recreational pressure on the Humber Estuary designations. This is a study which informs the SoCG and once the Study's findings have been incorporated, then timescales will be in the hands of Natural England to respond. The most optimistic scenario is being able to provide the SoCG by the end of July 2023
- The representations/summaries/responses have been prepared in the desired format, but due to the large size of this document is still undergoing some refinement. We would anticipate providing this by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

## **Main Modifications**

A Schedule of Main Modifications has been prepared on an ongoing basis. We agree the appropriate 'line in the sand' are MMs up to the point when we responded to your first set of initial questions for formally providing these in a list. We intend to do this by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.

#### **Policies Map**

Noted. Draft Main Modifications, Minor Modifications, and Policies Map changes are being kept separately.

# **Statements of Common Ground**

The SoCG with Historic England is additional to the general SoCG. It is anticipated the forthcoming SoCG with Natural England will provide more detail and supersede the general SoCG in respect of: recreational pressure, air quality, and functional land.

Yours sincerely,



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