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To the Inspectors examining the North Lincolnshire Local Plan via Ian Kemp- Programme Officer

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Dear Inspectors Elaine Worthington, Louise Crosby and Rachael Bust

RE: INSPECTORS' INITIAL QUESTIONS

Thank you for your letter of the 15 December 2022 with your initial questions regarding the North Lincolnshire Local Plan. The Council has made good progress in responding to the questions and request for further information. However, as mentioned in your letter there are some issues that are likely to take much longer to get back to you on than others. The reasons for this are largely related to:

- Amount of time required to gather the necessary information and/or gain agreement from external bodies. Examples of this include officer responses to comments to the pre-submission plan consultations and a Statement of Common Ground with Natural England.
- A full Local Election for North Lincolnshire Council takes place on 4 May 2023. A notice of the election is expected on 23 March 2023 and thus the start of the pre-election period, which itself lasts for six weeks. The advice from our Legal and Democratic Services is that as we move towards the election essential business of the Council should still be carried out. However, some matters raised in your initial questions are likely generate significant political interest. We may only therefore be in a position to respond to these following the election.

In consideration of the above, it is proposed to respond fully to your questions and requests for further information by Friday 12 May 2023 at the latest.

In the meantime, we will be able to respond sooner on matters where the above do not apply and will do so accordingly unless you indicate otherwise.

Yours sincerely,

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