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Dear Sir / Madam

Consultation on Proposed Modifications to the Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026

I am writing to you as someone who has previously made a representation to the draft Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026 (or the Swindon Borough Core Strategy 2026 as it was previously termed), or as a member of an organisation on our consultation database relating to spatial planning matters.

The Swindon Local Plan 2026 is currently being examined by an independent Inspector to ensure it is legally compliant and meets the test of soundness. The hearing sessions of the examination closed on May 22nd 2014.

In accordance with section 20 (7C) of the 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (as amended by Section 112 of the Localism Act 2011), the Council requested that the Inspector present modifications needed to ensure the Plan is both sound and legally compliant (to fulfil Section 20(5) (a) of the 2004 Act). He has now issued a series of main modifications to the Plan in order for the Plan to be found sound and legally compliant.

As part of the process, the Inspector has instructed us to undertake consultation on the schedule of proposed modifications (Schedule A), before he completes his Report, which we currently expect to be in receipt of by early December. Once we have received his Report it is anticipated we will progress rapidly to adoption of the Plan.

Alongside the main modifications as proposed by the Inspector we are also consulting on a series of other (minor) modifications to the Plan (Schedule B). These are changes that do not go to the soundness of the Plan, but are largely confined to

typographical/grammatical amendments, factual updates, additional clarification or editorial changes where they would act to improve the Plan as a whole.

It should be noted that at this stage of the examination process comments can **only** be made on the modifications included within the schedules, and it is not an opportunity to make comments on other aspects or content of the Plan

The consultation period runs from **Thursday 18th September until 5pm on Thursday 30th October 2014**, during which time comments can be made to Swindon Borough Council, ideally on the representation form, but other written submissions will be accepted.

.All documentation is available on the Council's website at: www.swindon.gov.uk/localplan, and is available for inspection at libraries in the Borough and at the Civic offices.

Representations should be sent in writing and should be sent to Planning Service, Freepost SCE5251, Swindon Borough Council, 5th Floor, Wat Tyler House West, Beckhampton Street, Swindon, SN1 1JH to arrive no later than **5pm on Thursday 30th October 2014**. You can also fax your response to 01793 466484 or email your response to forwardplanning@swindon.gov.uk by no later than the time and date stated above.

Should you require any further information please contact the forward planning team on the contacts at the head of the letter

Yours faithfully



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