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Mr Green
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Dear Mr Green

I refer to your letter, dated 19th May 2016, regarding your representations in response to our emerging Local Plan.

As you will be aware, the Council has approved a report seeking authority to consult on the Publication Version of the Local Plan and to subsequently submit the plan for examination provided that no significant amendments are required. The consultation will commence on 24th June and run until 5th August and during this time you will be able to make further representations in response to the plan itself but also the various background papers that we will be making available when the consultation commences. These background papers will draw together and summarise the evidence that has been considered in developing policies and selecting and rejecting sites. I expect you will be making further representations once you have had the opportunity to consider the background papers. If your representations raise matters that we need to explore with you prior to submission of the plan then officers have confirmed they would be happy to arrange a meeting. However, at this stage, we are content that officers should focus their attention on completing the background papers and the other preparatory work.

In relation to your more recent letter regarding an employment proposal at land to the south of Sheffield Road outside Oxspring, officers have advised that the site is within the Green Belt, is remote from Penistone Principal Town and the majority of the site is greenfield given that the remains of structures associated with the previous use have blended into the landscape in the process of time. A proposed employment development would therefore constitute inappropriate development in the Green Belt and would have a significantly detrimental impact on openness. In addition, the sustainability credentials of the site would be poor due to the location of the site.

In light of the conflict with our proposed spatial strategy and the substantial harm to the Green Belt, I agree with officers that there was no reason to undertake a consultation exercise in relation to this particular site or defer the decision to consult on the publication version and subsequently submit the plan for examination.

I trust this clarifies the Council's position and explains the next stages of the local plan process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PR Miller". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

Councillor Roy Miller
Cabinet Spokesperson