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Dear Ms Hockenhull

South Ribble Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD

I refer to your letter and attachments dated 25 April 2014. I note that the Duty to Co-operate (DTC) Supplement has been amended; however, it does not appear to fully take account of the matters set out in my 1 April 2014 letter. I remain concerned that the information in the DTC Supplement indicates a dismissive approach by the Council to Blackburn with Darwen's concerns. I also consider that paragraph 39 in the amended DTC Supplement does not go far enough in acknowledging the need for transit pitches across Central Lancashire. Neither does it set out any commitment from South Ribble to co-operate with adjoining authorities to meet this need.

I would ask the Council to please review the matters set out in my letter of 1 April and to refer to the responses of Chorley Council, attached to their letter to their Inspector dated 6 March 2014. Those responses appear to set out the updated situation having regard to Blackburn with Darwen's Local Plan. Assuming that information to be correct, it should be reflected in South Ribble's DTC Supplement.

For the avoidance of doubt, I have copied an extract from my 1 April letter below. These are the matters which I do not consider to have been sufficiently addressed in your amended DTC Supplement.

- *Paragraph 37 of the draft February 2014 DTC Supplement is dismissive of Blackburn with Darwen Council's approach to surrounding authorities to absorb some of their need. The response of Chorley Council indicated that matters have moved on and that Blackburn with Darwen Council has now published their own Local Plan. For the purposes of transparency, this should be made clear in South Ribble's DTC Supplement.*
- *The Council should set out the on-going processes and procedures which are in place to ensure future co-operation on this matter, please see Chorley Council's response to the Inspector.*
- *There is no reference to meeting the need for transit provision in the document. Please see paragraph 39 of Chorley's updated DTC Supplement.*

I would welcome a response to this letter by 12 May 2014.

Yours sincerely

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