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Dear Ms Hockenhill

South Ribble Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD

Thank you for forwarding the revised LDS to me today. I am now in the process of reviewing the Partial Report in order to update and finalise it. However, matters have moved on since that report was issued, including some changes to Government policy. Consequently, in order for me to finalise the report, I would be grateful if the Council would action the following points:

1 – I note that the updated LDS gives a timescale for the production of the Gypsy and Traveller DPD. However, modification MM32 also gives a timescale for completion of further work on the GTAA. This currently states that the work will be completed within 12 months from February 2014. Can the Council please advise me whether this timescale has been met? If not, what is the current timescale and does the date within the modification need altering?

2 – The evidence relating to housing need and supply will now be out of date. The Housing Land Position Statement (HLPS) (CD4.33) was dated 2013 and clearly matters will have moved on since then. Can the Council please forward the up to date HLPS in order for this section of the report to be updated. In addition, on 25 April 2013, the Council provided me with a response to the 2011 based Household Projections. These have now been updated by the 2012 based projections. I would be grateful for the Council's views on whether these updated projections alter the evidence previously submitted in relation to housing need.

3 – The Council will no doubt be aware of the recent Ministerial Statement dated 25 March 2015. This introduced a requirement for Councils to have 'clear and compelling justification' that local parking standards are necessary to manage the local road network. As policy F1 and Appendix 5 set parking standards, I would be grateful if the Council could provide the necessary evidence to justify this policy, either by reference to existing examination documents (giving the reference number), or by the submission of further evidence. The timing of this change to Government policy is clearly unfortunate having regard to the stage of this DPD and I recognise that the Council will wish to avoid any further delay to the adoption of the

Plan. I share that view and will aim to deal with this matter as expeditiously as possible.

I would be grateful for a response to the above by Tuesday 21 April.

Yours sincerely

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