

Louise St John Howe
PO Services
PO Box 10965
Sudbury
Suffolk
CO10 3BF

BY EMAIL: louise@poservices.co.uk and post

11th November 2019

Dear Louise,

Our ref: LAF047/DB

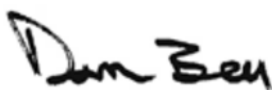
SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN

I am writing on behalf of Tarmac regarding the recent correspondence between the Inspector and Sevenoaks District Council regarding the Local Plan Examination and, in particular, the Inspector's concerns over Duty to Cooperate. Tarmac is the owner and promoter of Sevenoaks Quarry (Policy ST2-13) and are a participant in the Examination (ref. 3630).

Tarmac respects the Inspector's considerations regarding the Duty to Cooperate but it is disappointing and surprising that the conclusion reached so far is to either withdraw the Local Plan or to issue a report recommending non-adoption. It is evident that Sevenoaks District Council has engaged in a dialogue with its neighbouring authorities and that none of its neighbours are maintaining objections on Duty to Cooperate grounds.

We welcome the Inspector's intention (expressed in her letter to Sevenoaks District Council on 14th October) not to reach any final conclusion on the matter until the Council's response has been considered and understand the Council will provide further information by 15th November. In this context, we would encourage a pragmatic and positive approach to avoid unnecessary delay to the the progression of the Local Plan and provide the certainty to support local investment and development needs in Sevenoaks.

Yours sincerely



DARREN BELL
PARTNER

DAVID LOCK ASSOCIATES LIMITED
50 North Thirteenth Street
Central Milton Keynes
Buckinghamshire
MK9 3BP

☎ +44 (0) 1908 666276
✉ mail@davidlock.com
💻 www.davidlock.com

Email: DBell@davidlock.com

cc: J Gleave, H Gooden; Sevenoaks District Council
D McCabe; Tarmac