Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 Regulations 19 and 20 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

West Berkshire District Council West Berkshire Local Plan Review 2022-2039 (LPR) – Proposed Submission (Jan 2023)

Statement of the Representations Procedure

West Berkshire Council has prepared the West Berkshire Local Plan Review 2022-2039 (LPR) which it proposes to submit to the Secretary of State. The LPR is being published for consultation from **4:00pm Friday 20 January 2023 to 4:30pm Friday 3 March 2023.**

The LPR sets out the Council's vision, objectives and spatial planning strategy for the whole of the District of West Berkshire to 2039. Within this context the:

- Development strategy sets out the overall approach for managing growth and change;
- Strategic policies set out the overarching principles for development focusing on:
 - A place based approach
 - The environment and surroundings
 - Delivering housing
 - Fostering economic growth and supporting local communities;
- Non-strategic site allocation policies allocate large, medium and small residential and mixed-use sites and also employment sites for development; and
- Development management policies provide more detail on specific issues.

The accompanying Sustainability Appraisal is a statutory document that identifies the likely significant effects of the LPR and the extent to which implementation of the policies will achieve social, environmental and economic objectives. The Proposed Submission documents can be viewed at https://www.westberks.gov.uk/lpr-proposed-submission-consultation. A paper copy of the Proposed Submission documents are available for public inspection at the West Berkshire Council Offices, Market Street, Newbury RG14 5LD (8:30am – 5:00pm Monday to Thursday and 8:30am – 4:30pm on Fridays).

Guidance on making representations is available with the representation form and on the online <u>Local Plan</u> <u>Consultation Portal</u>. Representations should relate to the 'legal compliance' and 'soundness' of the LPR.

Representations can be made in writing or by way of electronic communications. We strongly advise that you use the following methods in order to ensure your representation is valid:

Online: Representations can be made online using the <u>Council's Local Plan Consultation Portal</u>: http://consult.westberks.gov.uk/portal. This is the easiest and most efficient way to make representations.

Representation Form: (available electronically on the Council's website and in hard copy from the Council Offices in Market Street, Newbury). Please return by **4:30pm Friday 3 March 2023**:

- by email (planningpolicy@westberks.gov.uk); or
- by post to the Planning Policy Team, Development and Regulation, West Berkshire District Council, Market Street, Newbury. RG14 5LD

It is advisable that you follow the guidance notes which are available with the representation form and on the online consultation portal. All representations must be accompanied by your full name, address and contact details.

All representations should specify the matters to which they relate and the grounds on which they are made. They may also be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of the submission of the LPR for independent examination, publication of recommendations of the Inspector carrying out the independent examination and adoption of the LPR.

Only those representations that arrive at the address specified above within the six week period **ending 4:30pm Friday 3 March 2023** will be considered alongside the submitted LPR, which will be examined by an independent Planning Inspector.