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Dear Sir,

THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CORE STRATEGY EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC

I write on behalf of Capital & Counties (participant ref. 139439), who have made a number of representations on behalf of the Earls Court & Olympia Group at different stages in the preparation of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Core Strategy. Earls Court & Olympia Group is promoting the Earls Court Regeneration, part of which forms the Earls Court Strategic Site Allocation in the Core Strategy.

As you will be aware, alongside the Core Strategy, is the process associated with the examination of the draft Replacement London Plan. Representations were made by Capital & Counties to the draft Replacement London Plan consultation in January 2010. These were supported by a number of evidence base documents that have also been submitted in support of representations made to the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea in respect of the Core Strategy. Capital & Counties will be attending the London Plan Examination in Public which commences in July 2010, as does the Core Strategy Examination in Public. On 7th June 2010 Capital & Counties submitted written statements and further evidence associated with the London Plan Examination in Public in the form of a Transport Report, Office Assessment and Retail and Leisure Assessment. This evidence is also of relevance to the Core Strategy Examination in Public, particularly concerning Matter 6 Strategic Sites Allocations - Warwick Road and Earls Court and the appropriateness of the land use allocation for Earls Court as set out in Policy CA7. We ask that these three reports (enclosed) are considered as part of the Core Strategy Examination in Public and form part of the Hearing Library.

On a related matter, we were made aware on 10th June 2010 of a Statement of Common Ground (dated 28th May 2010) between the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea and the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham in relation to the Earls Court Strategic Site Allocation. The Statement of Common Ground contains important information and evidence associated with Policy CA7 of the Core Strategy. This evidence has not previously been made available to Capital & Counties. As a result, Capital & Counties is preparing a response to the Statement of Common Ground in the form of a Position Statement that will be submitted to the Inspector next week.

We ask that this letter be brought to the attention of the Inspector.



Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Craig Tabb of this office.

Yours faithfully,

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