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Dear Mr Wade

## **The Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea Council Local Development Framework Examination of the Submission Core Strategy with a Focus on North Kensington**

As you know, I have been appointed to carry out an independent examination of the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea Core Strategy with a Focus on North Kensington (CS). I have now reviewed the documents that you have submitted to date. While I am unable to reach a view on the CS's soundness at the present stage, I am writing to advise you that I have some specific concerns about the submitted CS and its supporting evidence base. These are set out in the Annex to this letter.

For clarification, these comments are not a complete list of my questions and concerns about the CS. I will set these out in more detail before the hearings commence. At present, I have restricted my comments to those matters that, on the basis of the evidence before me, appear most likely to threaten the soundness of the CS.

Please give these comments your urgent consideration and provide me with a written response. I will then reach a view on whether an exploratory meeting should be called to consider my concerns in more detail.

I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me via Chris Banks, the appointed Programme Officer. Any more general procedural questions should be referred to the LDF team at Temple Quay House.

Yours sincerely

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Inspector

