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By e-mail to Michael Brown: m.brown@zoo.co.uk

Dear Mr Brown,

Thank you for your e-mail dated 19th May following my response to you dated the 12th May, regarding publicity for planning applications during the pandemic.

I can assure you that the Council is aware of the new Regulations which came into effect on the 14th May requiring local planning authorities (lpa) to temporarily extend the minimum time period for publicity of some types of planning applications from 14 days to 21 days.

The Council has implemented these new regulations.

Given the government's guidance on the need for the lpa to continue to prioritise decision making to ensure the planning system continued to function, as previously outlined the Council will not be extending the time period for representations further. For your information I advise that whilst not obliged to do so, this Council does take into account any letters received outside to the statutory publicity period before a decision on the application is made.

In respect of the Council's SCI the guidance (para.047) indicates that lpa's may need to consider updating their SCI, 'where they are unable to comply with normal requirements'. This Council is not in that position as we continue to carry out site visits and post statutory notices on site and publish such notices in the local newspaper. As such we are able to comply with normal requirements. Therefore the SCI does not need to be updated in these circumstances.

I trust this clarifies the situation.

Yours sincerely



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