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Dear Mrs S Housden & Mrs C Jack,

As agreed in our provisional work programme for Stage 2 of the Waltham Forest Local Plan (Part 1) Examination, I am writing to provide an update on our progress to date.

I am pleased to confirm that we are continuing to make good progress on all of the agreed work streams and the overarching Topic Paper. We have also received a positive letter of conformity from the GLA.

We still anticipate concluding all of our work in September 2022, but we would like to revise the final submission date from week commencing 12th September to a fixed date of Thursday 29th September 2022. There are two primary reasons for this. The first is to allow time for us to revise our Flood Risk Sequential Test in line with feedback that we have now received from the Environment Agency and recent updates to Planning Policy Guidance on [Flood Risk and Coastal Change](#), as published on 25th August 2022. The second is to allow Natural England to take our proposed Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace methodology to their national casework panel when they meet on 12th September 2022. This requirement was only recently confirmed by Natural England as part of their governance arrangements. Although this follows our positive and collaborative working arrangements, we would like to allow time to action any feedback and reflect their conclusions in a new Statement of Common Ground.

I trust this proposed programme change is agreeable, but please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss it any further.

Yours sincerely,



Sarah Parsons
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