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Dear Claire

## **B&NES CORE STRATEGY - SHMA HEARING SESSION - 17TH SEPTEMBER.**

Many thanks for your email dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July inviting us to attend the above hearing session on the B&NES Core Strategy. I would like to request a seat at the session on behalf of the following clients:

- **Taylor Wimpey** (respondent number 234) in respect of Monger Lane, Midsomer Norton/ Somer Valley; and
- Lands Improvement (respondent number 4639) in respect of land at Whitchurch, South East Bristol.

We have reviewed the Inspector's questions and notes in respect of this hearing session and can confirm that we continue to have great concerns on the approach that the planning authority has taken in respect of the SHMA. This document is, of course, an essential part of the evidence base required to demonstrate that the Local Plan is meeting the full objectively assessed need of the area and, therefore, that the Plan is sound. At present, however, the approach remains both confused and confusing and we consider the Inspector is totally correct to raise very serious concerns with the Council.

At this stage, we do not wish to submit any further written information for the Examination session. However, we may wish to respond to the Council's response to the Inspector's questions and we acknowledge the deadline of 5<sup>th</sup> September for doing so.

I hope that the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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