Dear Steve Carnaby,

**Service Level Agreement : Wealden District Council Submission Core Strategy**

Please find enclosed a signed copy of your Service Level Agreement between the Planning Inspectorate and Wealden District Council in respect of our submission Core Strategy DPD.

I am grateful to you for confirming safe receipt of our submitted documents together with associated evidence base. If I may now take this opportunity to respond to those other matters required of us and set out in the enclosed and where I have used your SLA paragraph numbering for ease of reference.

**Para 2.2 (h)** - I would estimate that the examination may take between 4-6 weeks based upon the numbers of those who have indicated that they wish to present oral evidence at examination. I would emphasise however that this is only an estimate and made on best available / current information.

**(i)** Our preferred date for the opening of the hearing will, I understand, depend upon whether our appointed Inspector considers the need for any pre hearing meeting (PHM). If no such PHM is felt necessary we would hope for a commencement 10 weeks after submission date and thus early-mid. October. We would be happy to commence on Monday the 10th October.

**(j)** Our appointed Programme Officer is Mrs Lynette Benton. Telephone contact numbers for Mrs Benton are 01323 768252, mobile on 07856 592389, and by e mail at lynettebenton@hotmail.com

**(k)** The proposed venue for the hearing part of the examination is the East Sussex National Golf Course, near Uckfield, East Sussex. Currently Mrs Benton is holding provisional dates at this venue but we will only be able to confirm these once we hear from our appointed Inspector as to any start date and his intended timetable of dates for examination.
I believe this covers those other items referred to in the SLA. We will of course, as required at paragraph 5.2, provide any updates of the information provided for the examination at least two weeks prior to any PHM and as described in paragraph 2.2 of the SLA.

Yours sincerely,

David L. Phillips
Head of Planning Policy and Environment
Wealden District council.