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Dear Ms Baker

Examination into the Soundness of the Gedling Borough Council – Local Planning Document, Local Plan Part 2

Further to the hearing session on Wednesday 22nd. March 2017, at which the Council agreed to consider the inclusion of a new policy relating to the Ibstock Brickworks, we would wish to update you on the latest position.

Having consulted with development management colleagues here and also with the County Council as Minerals Planning Authority (MPA), it has been clarified that the County as MPA has sole responsibility for determining planning applications relating to brick manufacture at the Ibstock Brickworks as the uses are associated with the mineral extraction.

It was stated at the hearing that Gedling Borough Council had responsibility for planning applications relating to brick manufacture at the site and we wish to be clear that this is in fact not correct and we apologise for this mistake and any misunderstanding caused.

We would reiterate our support for a policy supporting in principle the manufacture of bricks at the site. However, after discussing the matter with the County Council as MPA we consider that it is more appropriate for the MPA to consider such a policy as part of the emerging Minerals Local Plan. This is because brick manufacturing on this site is a County Matter with the MPA having the expertise to determine applications on this site and similar sites elsewhere in Nottinghamshire and also because of the need for a consistent approach across the County.

The County Council has confirmed that they agree that Ibstock's desire to include such a policy should be directed to them as MPA and that they are willing to engage with Ibstock and consider amendments to their policy approach as a proposed

modification to the Minerals Local Plan. We have also contacted Ibstock Ltd letting them know this change in position and advising them to contact the County Council as MPA in order to address their concerns on planning policy. We understand that a meeting took place between the two parties on 5th April 2017.

Gedling Borough Council would therefore not wish to pursue a new policy relating to Ibstock Brickworks by way of a proposed modification to the Local Planning Document. Instead, it is proposed that the Ibstock brickworks site at Dorket Head will be identified as a protected employment site on the Policies Map and protected by Policy LPD Policy 43. This change will be included in the Schedule of Changes to be provided to you by 7th April.

Please let me know if you have any questions on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Gray', followed by a small dot.

Joanna Gray
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