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Dear Philippa and team

Sandwell Local Plan – Review of Proposed Amendments, Updated Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Sandwell Local Plan Sequential Test

Thank you for your letter dated 13 March 2025 which sets out your response to our comments dated 20 February 2025. This includes a table attached as an appendix setting out the Council's proposed amendments and copies of the updated L2 SFRA and Sequential Test dated March 2025.

We find the proposed amendments satisfactory, and we welcome the minor modifications proposed by the Council to address our comments to Policy SCC5 and SNE2. We wish to withdraw our objections on soundness to the Local Plan. There are no further matters from the representations we made on 5 November 2024 that require attention.

If you have any further queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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