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Mr Hywel Jones,  
Inspector,  
c/o Examination Programme Officer

Date: 8 May 2017

Dear Sir,

### **Re: Anglesey and Gwynedd Joint Local Development Plan – schedule of final Matters Arising Changes**

Please find attached documents that include a schedule of Matters Arising Changes to the Plan's Written Statement and Proposals Maps. This schedule provides a single reference point for all the final Matters Arising Changes that the Councils propose in response to discussion at the various Examination Hearing Sessions and various consultation responses.

The schedule in the attached documents is therefore submitted to you for consideration alongside the submitted Plan. The attached documents supersede the Matters Arising Changes documents (which were subject to public consultation during January to March 2017 (DA.039 and DA.040)), and the potential additional changes set out in the "Councils observations about representations on Matters Arising Changes" report published in April 2017 (DA.045).

The introductory text to the final schedule explains that in some instances the Changes included in the final schedule incorporate amendments to Changes published for public consultation in January 2017 and are as a result of consideration of comments made about the original Changes and discussion at the Hearing Sessions held on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The additional limited number of amendments are proposed in the interest of Plan soundness and to improve clarity and precision. The final Matters Arising Changes are set out in the order of the Submission Plan. The Changes numbering continues on from the January 2017 Matters Arising Changes.

On the basis that the Matters Arising Changes included in the attached documents have been tested at public consultation or during the Hearing sessions held on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017, the Councils are confident that everyone affected has had the opportunity to comment before preparing the final schedule of Changes. The Councils are therefore satisfied that an additional public consultation is not required. The process undertaken is considered to be robust and has satisfied procedural requirements.

The Councils also confirm that they reassessed the Sustainability Appraisal of the Plan in the light of the Matters Arising Changes presented for public consultation during January - March 2017 (Addendum Report - DA.041) and during March 2017 (Appendix 1 of DA.045). None of the proposed Changes were considered to have significant

impacts on sustainability issues. On the basis that the final schedule of Changes submitted with this letter comprises of the aforementioned Changes and minor amendments that relate to factual updates or minor amendments to policy wording or explanatory text in order to provide further clarification, the Councils are satisfied that the Changes submitted to you with this letter do not have significant impacts on sustainability issues.

In accordance with the Habitats Directive a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the Plan has been undertaken, and reviewed as necessary in the light of changes put forward during the Examination. The findings were reported in an addendum to the original HRA report (DA.042) and in Appendix 1 to the report that presented observations about comments relating to the Matters Arising Changes (DA.045). These reports concluded that the Plan, as modified by the proposed Changes, would not have significant effects either alone or in combination on European sites. On the basis that the final schedule of Changes comprises of the aforementioned Changes and minor amendments that relate to factual updates or minor amendments to policy wording or explanatory text in order to provide further clarification, the Councils are satisfied that the schedule of Changes submitted to you with this letter do not have significant effects either alone or in-combination on European sites.

I trust that the above clarifies the Councils' position in relation to the Changes they wish to be considered before your report is completed. If you would like clarification on any aspect of the letter here or the final schedule of Matters Arising Changes do not hesitate to contact me through the Programme Officer.

Yours sincerely

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**Planning Manager (Policy)**