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Subject: RE: Agenda for the Exec. Member briefing on 18th November (Transport & Parking)

Paul / Ian,

Further to the below, a 'heads up' on the Local Plan update as there are two specific issues / positions we would like to discuss with you prior to the start of the hearings on Monday.

Helen, who started in the team at the beginning of the month, has identified that our masterplanning / green infrastructure requirements would benefit from further consideration. We need to ensure the Plan has the right 'hooks' for the Council to be able to guide and facilitate high-quality development in a timely fashion, subject to proposed sites being approved by the Inspector. This links into the session on housing delivery next Tuesday.

Secondly to discuss our approach to site BK3 in Barkway. We've had a recent (non-committal) response from the County Council on the reserve school site in the village. In my view, this makes this site difficult to defend based on the education / sustainability circumstances unique to this location. There is a specific session on this land on the second Thursday (3 December) but potentially also relevant to the overall session on housing delivery next Tuesday.

We will run you through both tomorrow morning. If you are supportive in principle of the approaches we are proposing we can notify the remaining project Board members.

Regards
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