I have undertaken an initial assessment of the plan.

I do not envisage there will be a need for a hearing and will let you know if this situation changes.

It would be helpful to have responses to the following issues:

• Please will you confirm which Local Plan policies Uttlesford District Council considers "strategic" for the purposes of neighbourhood planning in both the adopted plan and emerging plan

• Please will you confirm whether Uttlesford District Council considers the neighbourhood plan to be in "general conformity" with the strategic policies in the Local Plan

• Please will you confirm whether any further correspondence with any of the three statutory agencies resulted from circulating the statement determined on 13 April 2018 concerning the screening of the plan

• Please will you confirm whether Uttlesford District Council has made representations on the submitted plan and, if so, provide the representations

• Please will you confirm whether any Article 4 Directions are in force in the neighbourhood area and, if so, provide details

• What evidence is available that the locations identified for Local Green Space designation in Policy TX HC8 meet the criteria set out in the National Planning Policy Framework?

• What evidence supports the proposed 15 dwelling maximum in Policy TX HD2-2 and the 50% target for provision of one and two bedroom dwellings in Policy TX HD3?

• A significant number of locations are identified in the "Assessment of sites for potential development in Thaxted" - is a map showing the location and boundary of each available?

• The Plan identifies a number of sites to be allocated for housing - please will you provide or signpost any correspondence with the owners of each of sites which relates to their views on their development potential and please will you confirm the status of each of the sites in respect of any extant planning applications/permissions

• The Basic Condition statement indicates the plan has been assessed for potential effects on persons with protected characteristics - where is a copy of this assessment made available?

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I shall let you know if other issues emerge.

I plan to make an unaccompanied visit to the area by the middle of August.

I envisage my report will be ready for fact checking in September.

Mr. Tony Burton