Ashfield District Council Forward Planning Urban Road Kirkby-in-Ashfield Nottingham NG17 8DA Our ref: LT/2006/000229/CS-08/EW1-L02 Your ref:

Date: 25 October 2024

Dear Miny Schofield,

Ashfield Local Plan Examination - Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions - Matter 1

Thank you for giving the Environment Agency the opportunity to comment on the above mentioned documents.

Matter 1 - Procedural and legal requirements including the Duty to Cooperate

The Environment Agency (EA) have no substantial comment to make on this matter other than, in relation to point 1.8 under Issue 1.

1.8 states

Overall, has the Council maximised the effectiveness of the Local Plan by engaging constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with the prescribed bodies on relevant strategic matters during the preparation of the Local Plan?

The EA are satisfied that we have been consulted at all relevant stages of the Local Plan process and our comments have been taken on board and relevant changes made to the Local Plan where applicable.

Courtesy note

The EA have no comments to make on the remainder of Matter 1 and no comments to make on Matter 2 and Matter 3.

The EA are currently assessing the points raised in Matters 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 with comments due by 13th December 2024.

Yours faithfully

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