

**Email 01 March 2017 from Sockbridge and Tirril Parish Council to Inspector**

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Subject: Adoption of Eden Local Plan

For the attention of Mr Melvyn Middleton, Inspector

Dear Mr Middleton

As participants in the Eden Local Plan hearings, we are increasingly concerned regarding the length of time that has now elapsed since your letter of 13th December 2016 to Eden District Council.

We understand that Eden District Council has now identified a 6½ year land supply against the emergent plan and has completed a soft-touch consultation on the Key Hub policy.

In the meantime, the lack of an adopted Local Plan is jeopardising the proper planning of the district. Speculative developers are making premature applications for significant development on the basis that the current plan is out of date and the emerging Local Plan has not yet been adopted. In Sockbridge and Tirril two applications for 30 market-led houses have already been made and more may be in the pipeline. The new Local Plan may become meaningless in the face of over-development during the planning hiatus which currently exists. The thrust of the agreed strategy in the emerging Local Plan, of enabling sustainable development in a smaller number of better-serviced Key Hubs, is being undermined by planning applications in the smaller villages, which may currently be hard to resist.

We urge you to take any measures you consider appropriate to accelerate the adoption of the Local Plan and avoid jeopardising its integrity.

Yours sincerely,

Haydn Morris, Chairman, Sockbridge and Tirril Parish Council, and  
Dr Phil Greening, Councillor, Sockbridge and Tirril Parish Council