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Dear Ms Masters,

## Elmbridge Local Plan Examination – Council response to the Inspectors initial letter

Further to your initial letter (ID-001) to the Council on 14 September 2023 please find enclosed the following documents:

- Statement of Common Ground with Natural England (CD028)
- Thames Basin Heaths Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy 2023 (ENV009)
- SANG Options Assessment 2023 (ENV011)
- Heritage Impact Assessment (ENV006)

These documents and this letter will be published shortly on the examination library on the Council's website.

Further to the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) with the Environment Agency (EA) (CD036), discussions are ongoing with the EA regarding the finalisation of the SoCG. A meeting is being arranged with the EA to agree timescales moving forward. The Council will keep you updated on progress.

The Council is currently working through the other questions and clarifications raised in your initial letter (ID001) involving responding to, and preparing the necessary documents, as requested. The Council will provide a full response and the additional documents no later than 10 November 2023.

Yours Sincerely,

Kim Tagliarini

Strategic Director, Place and Community