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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your letter dated 3 March with regards to the consultation held on the council's draft The Burroughs and Middlesex University Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) in January 2021. We note your comments, and I have responded to each point in turn below.

SPD consultation period

The council's SPD consultation began on Monday 11 January and ran for six weeks. This exceeded the statutory requirement of four weeks which is set out in the Town and Country Planning Regulations. It is these regulations which govern the process for planning consultations rather than the Local Government Association guidance. We take our consultations seriously and consider all feedback provided. All representations received on the Draft SPD will now be considered in the context of planning merits and reported to the Council's Policy & Resources Committee in due course.

SPD virtual events

Due to COVID-19 regulations, the SPD Planning Policy team held their consultation events online via Microsoft Teams. There were three events held on: 21 January, 3 February and 17 February. These events were well attended, and participants provided valuable feedback and were given the opportunity to take part. The planning team did have to adapt the virtual events so as not to have the sessions being overtaken by a few vocal attendees and allow for fair participation. All participants were invited to submit their questions prior to the sessions and during. The planners made every effort to address the concerns being raised. In addition to these events, residents and businesses had the opportunity to comment through a consultation questionnaire throughout the six-week period.

Data

I am aware of, and have investigated, an incident of some email addresses being visible. This was investigated appropriately by our data protection team and several immediate actions were recommended for the planning service.

In addition to the above, thank you for providing your feedback, which I have shared with the team. We are currently consulting on the proposals for the council's Hendon Hub project, and the consultation ends on Friday 21 May, you can see our project website for more details on this:

<https://hendonhub.co.uk/>

I take this opportunity to also thank you for some of the useful feedback you have provided in respect of both the heritage context and the value that should be prioritised for strong green public realm along the Burroughs and the attention to parking. Your views on the reprovision of the library are also duly noted.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Hooton', written in a cursive style.

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