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Dear Tony,

Bradford Core Strategy Examination: Proposed Amendments to Main Modifications –May 2016 (PS/MO14)

Thank you for consulting with the Home Builders Federation (HBF) on the Bradford Core Strategy Proposed Amendments to Main Modifications (May 2016) consultation.

The HBF is the principal representative body of the house building industry in England and Wales and our representations reflect the views of our membership of multinational PLCs, through regional developers to small, local builders. Our members account for over 80% of all new housing built in England and Wales in any one year including a large proportion of the new affordable housing stock.

The HBF was a participant in a number of the examination hearing sessions, providing both oral and written submissions. The following comments should be read alongside our previous submissions.

Main Modifications MM108 (Policy HO10) and MM109 (Paragraph 5.3.173)

The HBF support the proposed amendments.

The proposed amendments are reflective of the thresholds set out within the Ministerial Statement, dated 28th November 2014. Despite the statement initially being quashed by the High Court in July 2015, this decision was recently overturned by the Court of Appeal (11th May 2016). To ensure that Policy HO10 and the supporting text are in conformity with national policy the relevant minimum thresholds should therefore be applied to Wharfedale, and the villages of Haworth, Oakworth, Oxenhope, Denholme, Cullingworth, Harden, Wilsden, and Cottingley.

I look forward to receiving the Inspectors final report upon the examination.

Yours sincerely, M] Good

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