

13th April 2018

Andrea Copsey
Local Plans Programme Officer
Examination Office
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Essex CO16 9BX

Dear Ms Copsey,

**NORTH ESSEX JOINT STRATEGIC PLAN
Further Matter 1 Hearing on 9th May 2018
Hearing Statement on behalf of SERCLE**

We have read carefully and contributed to the Hearing Statement prepared by CAUSE in connection with the above hearing session. We endorse it in its entirety.

We have also read carefully the Further Opinion of Martin Edwards of Cornerstone Barristers, instructed by CAUSE in connection with the above hearing session. We endorse it in its entirety.

We trust that the Inspector will find this double endorsement satisfactory and acceptable, it was considered a better approach taking up less of his time, than our producing a separate Hearing Statement.

Please advise the Inspector that in order for the six Parish Councils to formally endorse the CAUSE Hearing Statement and Further Opinion it would be necessary for them to be considered by meetings of each Parish Council. It has not been possible to do this, as drafting of each has only been completed today. The Inspector should, however, consider it understood that we have no reason to believe that any of the six Parish Councils would dissent from what is set out in the two documents now endorsed.

Yours sincerely,



Malcolm Alsop

for Alsop Verrill Ltd

on behalf of SERCLE

Yours sincerely,



Dr Michael Frost BSc FRCA FCA RSCI

on behalf of SERCLE