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Dear Mrs Copsey,

Local Plans for the North Essex Authorities

The question was raised at the end of the Examination in Public hearing on 23 January 2020 regarding the relationship between Historic England, the Historic England Foundation and Mr O'Connell.

You will of course be familiar with Historic England's position as the public sector body responsible for helping people care for, enjoy and celebrate the historic environment of England. This includes being the Government's advisor on the historic environment and a statutory planning consultee.

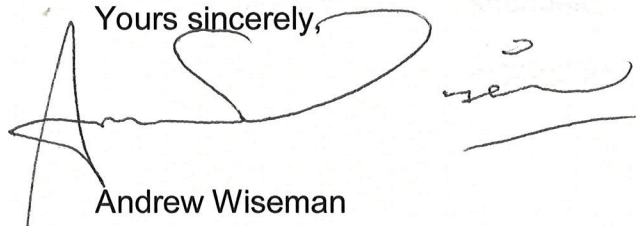
The Historic England Foundation is a relatively new charity which acts as a fund-raising and grant-making foundation to support the work of Historic England and other bodies who operate in line with the charity's objectives. The Foundation focuses in particular on the promotion of Education and addressing Heritage at Risk.

With the exception of the Chairman of Historic England, Trustees of The Historic England Foundation are not employees of Historic England nor do they have any management or governance responsibilities or influence within Historic England; as trustees they also have no involvement whatsoever in statutory planning activity. The majority of Trustees were appointed in July 2019 and details can be found through the usual Companies House channels.

Mr O'Connell is a trustee of the Historic England Foundation and has no role within Historic England. He has been treated by Historic England as the owner of any other designated heritage asset would be. Historic England's advice in relation to the Local Plan is its own made on the basis of the professional judgement of its staff.

If you do have any queries, please do contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Wiseman', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

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