

LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATIONS CAMBRIDGE CITY and SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE

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The Inspector notes that there are instances in both plans where the policies are expressed in very general terms and it is indicated that further detail will be provided in Supplementary Planning Documents.

In the light of the judgement in *Wakil and Others v LB Hammersmith and Fulham* [2012] **EWHC 1411 (QB)**, the Inspector is requesting that both Councils review their approach to the use of SPDs by identifying all instances where the policies in the plans are proposed to be followed by SPD and to consider on a case by case basis whether the approach complies with the requirements established in the above judgement. The Inspector is of the mind the central issue is whether the Local Plan policies contain sufficient detail about the quantum and type of development proposed. If not, the implication of the *Wakil* judgement is that they should be followed by AAPs not SPDs.

Please provide the Inspector with the outcomes of your consideration of this matter and she will then consider whether it is a matter she needs to consider further at the hearings. You may wish to consider whether legal advice would be of assistance, but that is a matter for the Councils.

Yours sincerely,

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