Tandridge District Council. Examination of ‘Our Local Plan:2033’

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Dear Ms Jackson

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Amendments to the Use Classes Order

You will be aware that on 21 July, the Government published The Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2020. These come into force on 1 September 2020.

The Regulations make a number of changes including the introduction of a new Class E (Commercial, Business and Service) incorporating shops (currently A1), financial and professional services (currently A2), restaurants and cafes (currently A3) and offices (B1). The new Class F1 (‘Learning and non-residential institutions’) and F2 (‘Local Community’) are also created, whilst some uses including those within Classes A4 (drinking establishments) and A5 (hot food takeaways) will no longer be covered by the Use Classes Order.

Some Policies and explanatory text of the Tandridge Local Plan rely upon Use Classes which shortly will no longer exist. Would the Council please consider the implications of these changes for the Plan and advise me how you may wish address any such implications for the Plan. It would be helpful if you could reply by the end of August 2020 as per the timescales for responding to the other requests I have made.

At this stage I am not inviting any comments from parties other than the Council. However, once I have the Council’s responses to this and my other recent requests, I will consider carefully how and when other parties will have the opportunity to comment. Please publish this letter on the examination website.

Yours sincerely

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Inspector