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Dear Richard,

Stirling Council Local Development Plan - Housing in the Countryside Supplementary Guidance

I refer to your correspondence of 5 March 2020 certifying notice of Stirling Council's intention to adopt the above as Supplementary Guidance. I also refer to the subsequent notification from Scottish Ministers on 1 April 2020 extending the period of their consideration.

Scottish Ministers give notice that before the Housing in the Countryside Supplementary Guidance is adopted, Stirling Council must make the modifications to it which are specified in Annex A to this notice.

These modifications are required so that the supplementary guidance more accurately reflects Scottish Government policy and guidance on occupancy restrictions.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A – Modifications

Stirling Council – Local Development Plan – Housing in the Countryside Supplementary Guidance

Change paragraph 2.18 on page 11 of the Housing in the Countryside Supplementary Guidance to read:

‘Scottish Planning Policy and Circular 3/2012 make it clear that imposing restrictions on use are rarely appropriate and should generally be avoided. However, in exceptional circumstances, where a dwelling is permitted for a manager or employee it may be subject to an occupancy condition if the Council considers that there is a particular need to retain workers housing in that locality. Likewise, Legal Planning Agreements for such purposes will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Applications for the waiver of restrictive occupancy conditions will be granted subsequently if the applicant can demonstrate that there has been a material change in circumstances since the condition was originally proposed.’

Reason: *So that the supplementary guidance more accurately reflects Scottish Government policy and guidance on occupancy restrictions.*