Bridlington Town Centre Area Action Plan – Public Examination

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Dear Ms Hartley,

Bridlington Town Centre AAP Inspector's Post Hearings Note

Thank you for your letter of 11 January 2012. The Inspector has asked me to reply as follows.

You will be aware that the Inspector has had significant concerns regarding the harbour top since the beginning of the examination. Indeed, delivery of the main development projects, as a result of these concerns, was one of the main topics discussed at the exploratory meeting back in June. The post-hearings note is quite general on this matter and is based only on the Bridlington Harbour Commissioners (BHC) representations and statements submitted within the examination timetable, together with the discussion at the hearings. The Inspector wishes to make it completely clear that her preliminary conclusions do not rely on the late evidence.

The Inspector debated whether to send her note so close to the Christmas holiday, and therefore prior to receiving all the responses on the BHC late evidence, but as her main aim was to make progress with the examination that is the decision she took. The post-hearing note states clearly that she was aware that further responses would be made. The Inspector is most concerned at your assertions that she has not behaved in a fair manner and does not consider that they are justified.

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With regard to the timetable for further submissions the Inspector suggests it should continue as previously agreed, that is, that the Council should make its final response on the BHC late evidence, should one be necessary, by the end of January. She had asked for a response to the post-hearings note by 20 January but stated that she would be happy to agree a later date, through me, if that did not give you sufficient time. The Inspector has noted your initial comments regarding a further hearing and expects that you will expand upon them in your response to the post-hearings note.

Yours sincerely

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