HEARING STATEMENT

on behalf of

Langmead Group

Economic Development in Rural Areas
MIQ 2.26

Rep ID: 897

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ASSOCIATES LIMITED

Planning & Development Consultants
1.0 Hearing Statement

1.1 This Hearing Statement relates to representations (Rep ID 897) submitted on behalf of Langmead Group dated 11th September 2018.

1.2 Following submission of those representations Langmead Group have been involved in constructive discussions with East Suffolk Council.

1.3 Those discussions have resulted in the agreement of a Statement of Common Ground between East Suffolk Council and Langmead Group entitled ‘Matters relating to Economic Development in Rural Areas’ (SOCG).

1.4 It has been agreed that paragraph 4.32 and Policy SCLP4.5 do not sufficiently acknowledge the importance of the agricultural sector to the rural economy within the District to provide appropriate support for it to grow, modernise and function efficiently.

1.5 Having regard to MIQ 2.26, the parties have agreed modifications to paragraph 4.32 and Policy SCLP4.5 to ensure that the Policy is positively prepared and would be effective, acknowledging the importance of the agricultural sector appropriately.

1.6 The agreed modifications are set out in the SOCG which is to be submitted by the Council as part of its Hearing Statement.

1.7 On the basis that the Inspector accepts the agreed modifications, Langmead Group agrees that the Plan is sound and do not propose to attend the relevant hearing session.

1.8 As discussed with the Programme Officer, in the event that the Inspector does not accept the agreed modifications, then Langmead Group would wish to attend the relevant hearing session.

SHALLISH ASSOCIATES LIMITED

On behalf of Langmead Group

July 2019