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EEBC Joint Opposition Leaders' letter to Local Plan Inspector

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Dear Ms Masters

We are writing to you as Opposition Group Leaders at Epsom & Ewell Borough Council.

On 26th October an Extraordinary Council Meeting (ECM) was held to approve a public consultation on the Proposed Main Modifications to the Submission Local Plan. It has since transpired that a large amount of material was not shared with members of the Council.

Members now have a significant cause for concern that not all the relevant evidence was shared before the decision was made.

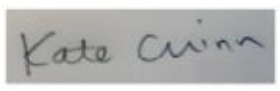
A number of new items appeared in the Examination Library in the days after the ECM. In addition over a dozen pieces of newly released correspondence point to many further documents that have yet to be identified.

We recognise that the refusal to accept any amendments at the ECM and historically exceptional casting vote of the Mayor in a 13-13 decision are not your jurisdiction. Or that EEBC has subsequently withheld correspondence and material on Main Modifications from FOI disclosure on the basis it is unfinished and incomplete.

However we feel it is only fair to advise you that steps are being taken to ascertain if the decision at the ECM was made with all the relevant evidence.

Best Regards,

Cllr Kate Chinn - Leader of the Labour group
Cllr Alex Coley - Leader of the Independents group
Cllr Alison Kelly - Leader of the Liberal Democrat group
Cllr Bernie Muir - Leader of the Conservative group



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