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Date: 24 July 2026

Dear Inspectors,

Re: Initial Matters, Issues and Questions – Matter 1

I refer to your letter of the 17 June 2026 setting out the Initial Matters, Issues and Questions related to the Castle Point Plan.

We have carefully considered the questions raised in relation to Matter 1 and have prepared the attached response, which sets out the Council's evidence and position regarding the housing requirement and housing provision within the Castle Point Plan. We trust this provides a comprehensive response to the matters you identified.

In addition, we have prepared the following supporting documents to assist the examination. We would be grateful if these documents could be included within the Examination Library.

Document	Reason for Inclusion
Sustainability Appraisal - Detailed Assessment of Green Belt Development Options Sites - July 2026	The published Sustainability Appraisal (SA) presents the assessment of sites on an objective-by-objective basis. To provide a clearer understanding of the assessment of individual Green Belt sites across all sustainability objectives, this document consolidates the relevant information on a site-by-site basis. The content is unchanged from that published in July 2025 and has simply been presented in an alternative format for ease of reference.
Historic England Statement of Common Ground - July 2026	An additional Statement of Common Ground agreed between the Council and Historic England in July 2026 regarding omission sites GB2 and GB8.
Housing Position Update Note - July 2026	As referred to in the Council's response to the initial Technical Questions, this note updates the Council's housing supply position as at 1 April 2026

We hope that our response to the Initial Matters, Issues and Questions, together with the accompanying documents, will assist the Inspector in progressing the examination of the Castle Point Local Plan. Should you require any further information or clarification on any of the matters raised, please do not hesitate to contact the Council.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Parrott'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'A' being large and prominent.

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