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Dear Andrew,

Pluckley and policy CS6 of the Core Strategy

Further to my letter to you dated 5th December 2008, I have now received a written response from the Planning Inspectorate regarding the advice given to you about the 'provisional' inclusion of Pluckley as a settlement under policy CS6 of the Council's Core Strategy. I have attached the letter from the Inspectorate for your information but unfortunately it has not provided the clarification I was seeking regarding the reasons why the Inspector 'provisionally' included Pluckley in policy CS6, although they have reiterated their view that the Borough Council may have discretion in determining whether Pluckley should sit within policy CS6.

In my view, I do not believe that this letter provides sufficient clarity on the point for the Council to simply withdraw Pluckley from the list of CS6 settlements at this stage. Therefore, I strongly feel that it will still be advantageous to hold the community workshop that has now been scheduled for the 29th January.

Since my last correspondence, my officers have been out on site to assess the relative merits of the sites that have been submitted to the Council as potential development site allocations in Pluckley and it is reasonable to say, on the basis of the work carried out to date, that there does not appear to be any outstanding candidates for allocation in the Rural Sites DPD. However, this is a matter that can be more fully explained and discussed at the community workshop.

Following this event, I hope that we shall be able to resolve the most appropriate approach to dealing with whether Pluckley should remain within the list of policy CS6 settlements or not.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Cole', on a light-colored rectangular background.

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cc Cllr Clair Bell