From my continuing assessment of the Submission documents, I have the following further Preliminary Questions and I would be grateful if the Council could provide responses and supplementary information as appropriate.

1. Can the Council please provide me with a document reference that sets out the most recent transport modelling results for the full extent of proposed development (housing and employment) being proposed within the Scunthorpe area, and its immediate environs?

2. Brigg area Housing sites. Certain sites (e.g. BRIH1 and BRIH2) will require construction of a Relief Road between Atherton Way and Wrawby Road. Can the Council please provide further information (and document references) regarding this proposed road, its alignment and the intended mechanism for securing its delivery and construction to all of the sites concerned?

3. I wish to better understand the distribution of both proposed Housing and Employment sites in relation to the public transport network across the district, and to any planned improvements to that network. I note that many proposals will require the submission of a Transport Assessment and a Travel Plan. However, I also note that few proposals require the direct provision of any associated public transport infrastructure. Can the Council please provide further information (and document references) on this topic?

4. I also wish to better understand the relationship of the larger Housing allocation sites across the district to Primary and Secondary School provision, and whether any potential school capacity issues have been identified by the Education Authority. Can the Council please provide a statement on this topic?

5. I have a broad concern about the potential viability of a number of proposed Employment sites, and particularly those where there are significant existing environmental constraints such as contaminated land, or access constraints. I have not yet visited any of the proposed sites,
but initially I wish to better understand the ‘supply and demand’ for Employment land across the district during the past 10-20 years, as a trend-based approach to assessing future demands. Could the Council please prepare a short note on the take-up rate of previous Employment allocations (made in previous Plans), or provide a document reference which provides that data succinctly?

6. With regard to Chapter 6 (Development Limits) of the DPD, a number of Representations put forward suggestions for amendments to the proposed Development Limits. In advance of the Examination Hearing sessions could the Council please prepare a set of Inset Maps indicating the proposed amendments being sought by Representators alongside the Council’s proposed Development Limits. (These various suggested amendments are summarised on pages 61-72 of the Regulation 22 Statement). This will provide a reference document for all concerned at the Hearing sessions, and for my use on site visits.

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