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Dear Inspector Jordan and Inspector Partington,

Supplementary Evidence from Lancashire County Council (LCC) on Cambridge Econometrics for employment forecasts

Further to the hearing session held on 2 December regarding the outstanding action point (Reference Number: 8) regarding the Cambridge econometrics for employment forecast, we are pleased to provide supplementary evidence prepared by Lancashire County Council (LCC) and our consultant, DLP. This material has been submitted with the consent of Andy Walker, Head of Service for Business Growth at LCC, and is intended to inform the Housing Study Update 2024 (Reference: HO09).

Rationale behind the econometrics model

There was a CE commission in November 2020.

This was in support of the production of a Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) headed up by the Lancashire Economic Partnership (LEP) and commissioned from Steer.

Given the pandemic and loss of appetite for LIS in central government, this work was ultimately folded into the Lancashire Independent Economic Review (Ref No:ER04) and the subsequent Lancashire 2050 documents.

The selection of CE was determined via a procurement process but consideration was made around the benefits of having a consistent set of economic forecasts which used the same methodology as prior work and was potentially comparable with the forecasts for neighbouring areas.

Please also find enclosed the following appendices for your consideration:

- **Appendix 1:** Central Lancashire Employment Land Review (ELR) 2024 – Lancashire LEP Forecasting
- **Appendix 2:** Central Lancashire Housing Needs Assessment

Should you require any further clarification or additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Your sincerely,
Central Lancashire Local Authorities (Chorley, Preston and South Ribble)