

## **Matter 8 – Heritage, Design and Natural Environment**

### **1. Introduction**

1. This Statement is submitted on behalf of The Kesgrave Covenant Ltd, which has an interest in land within and adjoining the Borough boundary at north-east Ipswich. The Kesgrave Covenant Ltd are broadly supportive of the strategy set out by the Council in the draft Core Strategy and Site Allocations Plan, but consider that references to a ‘green rim’ in Policies DM33 and DM34 are not soundly based.

### **2. Response to Inspector’s Questions**

*Are the policies in connection with heritage, design and natural environment soundly-based. If you content that they are not how should they be modified?*

2. We set out in our original representations to Policies DM33 and DM34 (and related Policy CS16/paragraph 7.2v), why we consider the proposals for the Green Rim should be removed from these policies and Key Diagram, which in summary was because:
  - (a) The proposal lacks any substantive rationale or justification;
  - (b) Designation of the Green Rim is premature in advance of proper consideration of development potential within the Borough boundary and in the context of joint working to meet the requirement for additional housing (with particular reference to our client’s land at North-East Ipswich); and
  - (c) The Council itself accepted in its response to representations at the previous stage that the green rim should be removed from the key diagram.
3. We consider our original representations remain correct and relevant to this matter, and that all references to the green rim should be removed.