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REGISTRATION FOR THE OCTOBER LOCAL PLAN INSPECTION HEARING FOR ATTENDANCE GENERALLY AND TO SPEAK ON THE TOPICS IN THE ENVIRONMENT SECTION DETAILED BELOW ON Wednesday October 2nd

Ref. Rossendale Local Plan Examination-7-TB-2019

On behalf of BRIF – Bury Rural Inequalities Forum

BRIF are a group of 6 villages on the North of the Bury Metropolitan Borough – Ainsworth, Affetside, Greenmount, Holcombe, Hawkshaw and Nangreaves. BRIF is a constituted federation of 10 years standing. The origin of the group is well described on the website of their Walking Loop The Village Link – see www.village-link.com in the Home Page section 'About Us'.

Refs appended – Original representation ref. RBC Local Plan-04-Oct 2018-BRIF-1/2

ENV4,ENV8,ENV9,ENV10

ENVIRONMENT designated MATTER 16 - and the DATE is Wednesday October 2nd AM.

f) Does **Policy ENV4** promote the conservation, restoration and enhancement of priority habitats, ecological networks and the protection and recovery of priority species; and identify and pursue opportunities for securing measurable net gains for biodiversity as required by paragraph 174 of the National Planning Policy Framework?

j) Do Policies ENV7 and ENV8 provide a positively prepared, robust framework for renewable energy development which adequately addresses adverse impacts? Is the area of search designation for wind turbines supported by robust evidence? Do **Policies ENV7 and ENV8** appropriately deal with visual impacts, decommissioning of turbines, blanket bog, peat fields and ecological impacts? Is Policy ENV7 overly prescriptive?

k) Is **Policy ENV9** effective? Should it provide more detail on mitigation measures required for the sites proposed for allocation in the Local Plan? Does it provide sufficient detail with regard to surface water management?

l) Is **Policy ENV10** effective? Would it restrict development where it is not possible to meet all its requirements?

EXPERT WITNESS

As discussed by phone 14th August 2019 with Tony Blackburn

Also to register DR. ALAN HEYWORTH to support both to attend and speak for BRIF as agreed.

BRIF is affiliated to the constituted federation 'Friends of the Moorland for Rossendale Rochdale and Bury' - FMRRB - who we expect to register similarly. Dr Heyworth will also provide expert witness role for FMRRB endeavouring not to overlap statements of his knowledge.

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Dr. Falmai Binns – Chair BRIF