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Dear Richard

**PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004
THE TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND)
REGULATIONS 2004
PLYMOUTH'S LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME**

In accordance with the requirements of Section 15(8)(a) of the above Act, the City Council has revised its adopted Local Development Scheme (LDS), setting out a revised scope and timetable for preparing Plymouth's Local Development Framework (LDF). As required by Section 15(3)(b) of the Act, and Regulation 10(2) of the Regulations 2004, I submit herewith for the Secretary of State's consideration, 4 copies of the LDS in paper form, having also forwarded to you by email, an electronic copy of the document. A copy of the revised LDS has also been forwarded to the Regional Planning Body and published on the City Council's website.

The need for this revision arises from alternative options coming forward during Plymouth's LDF Preferred Options consultation (29th July to 9th September 2005). In accordance with Regulation 27 and Paragraph 4.13 of PPS12, the Council has considered the representations received at the Preferred Options stage, with regard to:

- iv. suggestions for rethinking particular options; and
- v. how they relate to the time and resources anticipated to produce the submission development plan document.

The Council has concluded that a further Preferred Options consultation on key changes to the Core Strategy should be undertaken, before submission of the Core Strategy to the Secretary of State. The consequences of accommodating this additional consultation stage, and the knock on effect on the remainder of the LDF work programme is reflected in the enclosed LDS revised timetable.

The Council advised GOSW of the need for and consequences of these changes in December 2005, as well as reporting the position in its Annual Monitoring Report 2005. As part of this initial consultation, GOSW advised the Council of PINS observations. You will see that a number of changes have been made to the draft LDS revisions document in

response to these comments. I understand that GOSW is now in a position to progress LDS revisions and trust you will expedite this matter.

It is the City Council's intention that the LDS will be brought into effect 4 weeks from the date of this submission to the Secretary of State (i.e. the date of this letter), unless the Secretary of State intervenes during this period, or requests more time to consider the scheme.

Following your assessment of the LDS on behalf of the Secretary of State, I look forward to receiving confirmation from you that the LDS, as drafted, satisfies the requirements of the Act, PPS12, and the Regulations. In particular, I look forward to receiving confirmation that the Planning Inspectorate will be able to provide the necessary resources for the examination of the relevant documents proposed in the LDS, on the timescale indicated.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Planning and Regeneration Service