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Dear Simone,

**Re: South Somerset Local Plan (adopted 26<sup>th</sup> April 2006) - Request for Extension of Saved Policies**

South Somerset District Council requests that the Secretary of State issues a Direction to save policies and proposals in the South Somerset Local Plan (SSLP) under Paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The SSLP was adopted on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2006 and is saved until 26<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

The District Council is currently engaged in producing its Local Development Framework, primarily the following Development Plan Documents:

- Core Strategy
- Yeovil Town Centre Area Action Plan
- Chard Town Centre Area Action Plan

The "Issues & Options" stage of the first DPD, the Core Strategy, has recently been out to public consultation, officers are now considering the representations prior to producing "Preferred Options". Project briefs have been set for the Yeovil and Chard Town Centre Area Action Plans and work is expected to be complete on these DPDs by early 2010. Consequently, none of the DPDs will be adopted prior to 26<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

The saved policies and proposals that are requested to be extended meet the criteria set out in the Department for Communities and Local Government "Protocol for handling proposals to save adopted Local Plan, Unitary Development Plan and Structure Plan policies beyond the 3 year saved period", and the criteria under paragraph 9.2(i) of PPS12.

Attached is a list of the policies and proposals requested to be saved beyond the three-year saved period, and a list of the policies and proposals that are not required to be saved, along with reasons.

Yours sincerely

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