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Dear Mr Banks

HAMBLETON LDF ALLOCATIONS DPD EXAMINATION

Following the close of the hearing sessions for this examination, on 27th May 2010 the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government wrote to Council Leaders highlighting the Coalition Government's commitment to rapidly abolish Regional Strategies and return decision making powers on housing and planning to local Councils. This letter is to be regarded as a material planning consideration. On 9th June 2010 PPS3 *Housing* was reissued with amendment to the definition of previously developed land (excluding private residential gardens), together with deletion of the national indicative minimum density of 30 dwellings per hectare.

The Inspectors are conscious that the overall spatial pattern for the future of Hambleton has already been established through the adoption of the Core Strategy and Development Policies DPDs. Nevertheless, they would appreciate your views on the implications of these changes for the soundness of the submitted Allocations DPD, including the overall package of allocations and any individual sites.

In order to maintain the efficiency of the examination please forward your comments to me by 12 noon on Monday 5th July. Should you consider any further suggested changes to the submitted DPD to be necessary these should be set out in a separate schedule. The Inspectors consider it appropriate to draw your views to the attention of those representors who made representation regarding the alignment of the submitted DPD with the approved Regional Spatial Strategy and the provisions of PPS3. The intention is to notify them on receipt of your response, giving 2 weeks to submit any comments on the implications of the changes to RSS and PPS3 for the soundness of the submitted DPD. In the interests of openness this letter and your response will also be placed on the examination website. The Inspectors will consider all comments received before finalising their report.

Yours sincerely

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