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Dear Mr Bevan

PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004 HAMPSHIRE COUNTY STRUCTURE PLAN SAVED POLICIES APPLICATION

I am writing with reference to your application on behalf of Hampshire County Council of 30 March for a direction under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 in respect of policies in the Hampshire County Structure Plan 1996-2011 (Review).

The Secretary of State's Direction is attached. Those policies not listed in the Direction will expire on 27 September 2007.

The Secretary of State's assessment of whether saved policies should be extended is based upon the criteria set out in Planning Policy Statement 12: *Local Development Frameworks* and the Department for Communities and Local Government protocol on saving policies. The Secretary of State's decisions concern some policies where there have been representations from a third party expressing views that differ from those of the local authority. Also, her decisions in respect of some policies have the effect of saving policies that the authority requested should not be extended. For clarity, where either or both of these two circumstances apply, the Secretary of State's reasons are set out in the table at the end of this letter.

The extension of saved policies listed in this Direction does not indicate that the Secretary of State would endorse these policies if presented to her as new policy. It is intended to ensure continuity in the plan-led system and a stable planning framework locally, and in particular, a continual supply of land for development.

Local planning authorities should not suppose that a regulatory local plan-style approach will be supported in forthcoming development plan documents (DPDs). LPAs should

adopt a positive, spatial, strategy-led approach to DPD preparation and not seek to reintroduce the numerous policies of many local plans.

The exercise of extending saved policies is not an opportunity to delay DPD preparation. LPAs should make good progress with local development frameworks according to the timetables in their local development schemes. Policies have been extended in the expectation that they will be replaced promptly and by fewer policies in DPDs. Maximum use should be made of national and regional policy especially given the development plan status of the regional spatial strategy.

Following 27 September 2007, the extended policies should be read in context. Where policies were adopted some time ago, it is likely that material considerations, in particular the emergence of new national and regional policy and also new evidence, will be afforded considerable weight in decisions. In particular, we would draw your attention to the importance of reflecting policy in Planning Policy Statement 3 *Housing* and the Housing Green Paper – *Homes for the future: more affordable, more sustainable* in relevant decisions.

Policy Ref	Reason	Extended	Not Extended

Yours sincerely

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**DIRECTION UNDER PARAGRAPH 1(3) OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE PLANNING AND
COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004
POLICIES CONTAINED IN THE HAMPSHIRE COUNTY STRUCTURE PLAN 1996-2011
(REVIEW) ADOPTED MARCH 2000**

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in exercise of the power conferred by paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 directs that for the purposes of the policies specified in the Schedule (1) to this direction, paragraph 1(2)(a) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 does not apply.

Signed by authority of the
Secretary of State

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SCHEDULE

POLICIES CONTAINED IN THE HAMPSHIRE COUNTY STRUCTURE PLAN 1996-2011 (REVIEW)

Policy Number	Policy Title/Purpose
G1	Location of Strategic Gaps
G2	Location of Strategic Gaps
G4	Purpose of South West Hampshire Green Belt
MDA2	West of Waterlooville specifications
EC6	Conditions for port development at Dibden Bay
T5	Planning permission conditional on meeting transport requirements
T11	Safeguarding land for South Hampshire Rapid Transit
T14	List of transportation schemes safeguarded in the South East Hampshire Strategy Area
T15	Safeguarding land for park-and-ride in Winchester Strategy Area
T16	List of transportation schemes safeguarded in the Southampton Strategy Area
T17	A326 improvement safeguarded in the New Forest Strategy Area
T18	List of transportation schemes safeguarded in the Basingstoke Strategy Area
T19	List of transportation schemes safeguarded in the North East Hampshire Strategy Area
T20	List of transportation schemes safeguarded in the Andover Strategy Area
T21	Safeguarding transport schemes in the Route Strategy Proposals
H1	Provision of 94,290 dwellings, 1996-2011
H2	Baseline provision of 80,290 dwellings, by district
H3	Dwelling provision on the four Major Development Areas
H4	Housing reserve distribution and release mechanism
E7	Restrictions on development within or adjacent to AONBs
E14	Preservation of local and national archaeological sites and monuments

Policy Number	Policy Title/Purpose
E15	Restriction on development affecting Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest including those in the County Council Register
E16	Criteria to guide development so as to ensure no harm to historic towns and villages
E17	LPAs to encourage development which enhances historic towns and villages