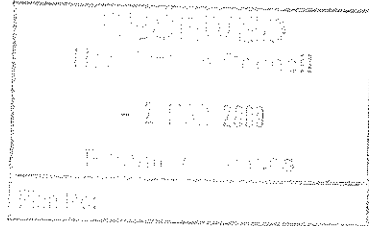




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26 February 2009

Our Ref:  
Your Ref:

Dear Ms Beaumont

**PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004  
HART FIRST ALTERATIONS TO THE LOCAL PLAN (REPLACEMENT) 2006  
SAVED POLICIES APPLICATION**

I am writing with reference to your application on behalf of Hart District Council of 9 December 2008 for a direction under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 in respect of policies in the Hart First Alterations to the Local Plan (Replacement) 2006.

The Secretary of State's Direction is attached. Those policies not listed in the Direction will expire on 22 June 2009.

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 Spatial Planning* and the Department for Communities and Local Government protocol on saving policies.

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. You should make sure that you include, within your publication core strategy document, a list of the saved policies that your Core Strategy will replace.

Following 22 June 2009, 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.

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 HART FIRST ALTERATIONS TO THE LOCAL PLAN  
(REPLACEMENT) 2006**

**ADOPTED 22 JUNE 2006**

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

*JR Cheston*

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**SCHEDULE 1**

**POLICIES CONTAINED IN THE HART FIRST ALTERATIONS TO THE LOCAL PLAN  
(REPLACEMENT) 2006**

<b>Policy Number</b>	<b>Policy Title/Purpose</b>
ALT GEN 13	Affordable Housing
ALT URB 14	Sheltered and Supported Accommodation
ALT DEV 9	Dilly Lane, Hartley Wintney
ALT DEV 17	Clarks Farm, Darby Green