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Dear Andrea

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I am writing to thank the Inspector for his helpful letter dated 6th July 2010 in which he confirmed his decision to suspend the Examination into the Council's Core Strategy. I am also grateful for his guidance note in which he sets out elements of the strategy on which concerns have been raised and on which further evidence and/or clearer justification would be helpful.

I confirm that I shall be pleased to carry out further work on those matters set out in the guidance note; I shall also consider the Secretary of State's recent announcement revoking regional strategies as part of this further work. I anticipate being able to complete the work within the next three months, enabling a procedural meeting to take place in the autumn of this year followed by formal consultation and then a reconvened Examination in the winter 2010/2011.

I am also grateful to the Inspector for his offer of a procedural meeting now in order to clarify matters set out in the note; however I am clear on the areas which need to be addressed and so do not believe it is necessary to arrange such a meeting.

I shall be pleased to keep you informed as to progress with this additional work, and hope to provide the Inspector and yourself with an outline programme of work shortly.

Yours sincerely,



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