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Dear Paul,

#### **PLANNING & COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004**

I am writing with reference to your application of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2007 applying for a direction under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 in respect of policies in the City of Worcester Local Plan.

The Secretary of State's Direction and accompanying schedule is attached. Those policies not listed in the Direction will expire on 27<sup>th</sup> 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 and 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 your authority or where her views differ from those of your authority. Where these circumstances apply the Secretary of State's reasons for the decision 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 only 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. Local Planning Authorities 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 timetables in 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 saved policies should be read in context. Where policies were originally 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 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments in relevant decisions.

<b>Policy Ref</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Decision</b>
H1 Housing Land Supply	The policy has been superseded by the RSS	Not Extended

Signed by authority of the  
Secretary of State



DAVID MARR  
HEAD OF PLANNING AND HOUSING GOVERNMENT OFFICE FOR THE  
WEST MIDLANDS

**DIRECTION UNDER PARAGRAPH 1(3) OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE  
PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004  
POLICIES CONTAINED IN THE CITY OF WORCESTER LOCAL PLAN  
ADOPTED OCTOBER 2004**

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 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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DAVID MARR  
HEAD OF PLANNING AND HOUSING  
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7 September 2007

## SCHEDULE

### POLICIES CONTAINED THE CITY OF WORCESTER LOCAL PLAN

ADOPTED OCTOBER 2004

<b>Policy Number</b>	<b>Policy Name</b>
NE2	Sites Of National Importance For Nature Conservation
NE3	Sites Of Regional or Local Importance For Nature Conservation
NE4	Nature Conservation - Green Spaces
NE5	Landscape Protection
NE7	Landscaping Scheme
NE9	The Green Network
NE11	M5 Protection Corridor
NE12	Green Belt Area
NE19	Private Moorings Ancillary To Dwellings - River Severn
NE20	Safeguarding Watercourses
NE21	Flood Plain - ["Blue Zone"]
NE22	Flood Plain - ["Yellow Zone"]
NE23	Flood Plain - ["Red Zone"]
BE1	Environmental Standards For Development
BE2	Character And Appearance Of The City
BE4	Percent For Art
BE12	Boundary Treatments In Conservation Areas
BE14	Alterations And Extensions To Listed Buildings
BE16	The Setting Of Listed Buildings

<b>Policy Number</b>	<b>Policy Name</b>
BE18	Buildings Of Local Interest - New Development
BE19	Buildings Of Local Interest - Recording
BE20	Buildings Of Local Interest - Salvage
BE21	Development Within Archaeologically Sensitive Areas - Design Principles
BE24	Protection Of Nationally And Internationally Important Archaeological Sites
BE26	Historic Landscapes And Features
BE27	Access To And Interpretation Of The Historic Environment
BE29	Light
BE39	Advertisements Affecting Conservation Areas And/Or Listed Buildings
BE43	Telecommunications
TR1	Footpath/Cycleway Network
TR2	Footpath/Cycleway - Private Development
TR4	Cycle Parking
TR6	City Centre Pedestrian Routes
TR10	Car Parking - Pricing Control
TR12	Parking Standards
TR13	Car Parking Restraint
TR14	Financial Contributions From Developments To Meet Travel Demand
TR15	Disabled Persons Car Parking Requirements
TR17	Diglis Access Road
TR19	Traffic Calming
TR23	Green Transport Plans

<b>Policy Number</b>	<b>Policy Name</b>
H3	Allocated Housing Sites
H4	Phasing Of Allocated Housing Sites
H5	Windfall Housing Sites
H6	Housing Land Review
H7	New Housing Developments: House Types And Density
H9	Allocated Housing Sites: Provision Of Affordable Housing
H10	Windfall Sites: Provision Of Affordable Housing
H11	Affordable Housing Schemes
H12	Affordable Housing Schemes: Occupancy Conditions
H13	Provision Of "Lifetime Homes"
H16	Extensions To Existing Dwellings To Provide Separate Living Accommodation (Granny Flats)
H17	Sub-Division Or Multi-Occupancy Of Dwellings
H18	Change Of Use To Hostel - Car Parking Requirements
H19	Residential Care Homes
H21	Policy H21 Area Of Restraint : Ombersley Road/Droitwich Road
H22	Policy H22 Area Of Restraint : Shrubbery Avenue (West)
H23	St John's District Centre: Retention Of Residential Units Of Accommodation
E1	Allocated Employment Land On Brownfield Sites
E2	Allocated Employment Land On Greenfield Sites
E4	Safeguarding Existing Employment Areas
E7	Office Development (Outside The Central Office Area)
E8	Loss Of Office Floorspace (Outside Central Office Area)
E10	Working From Home

<b>Policy Number</b>	<b>Policy Name</b>
CC2	Retail Development In The Central Shopping Area
CC3	Extensions And Ancillary Uses- Use Of Upper Floors
CC5	Continuous Shopping Frontage (Primary Streets)
CC6	Continuous Shopping Frontage (Secondary Streets)
CC7	Continuous Shopping Frontage [Heritage Streets]
CC9	A3 Uses - Restricted Areas
CC10	A3 Uses - Criteria
CC11	Mixed Use Development Sites
CC12	City Centre - Retention Of Residential Units Of Accommodation
CC13	City Centre - Conversion Of Upper Floors To Residential Use
CC14	City Centre - Development Or Redevelopment Schemes - Residential Uses
CC15	Office Development In The City Centre
CC16	Loss Of Existing Offices (City Centre)
SH1	Large Scale Retail Development Outside The Central Shopping Area And St John's District Centre
SH2	Foodstore Allocation - St John's
SH3	Approach Corridors - Change Of Use
SH4	Loss Of Retail Uses To Residential Use
SH5	Food Outlets And Hot Food Take-Aways
SH6	St John's District Shopping Centre
SH7	District And Neighbourhood Shopping Centres - Retail Development
SH8	Neighbourhood Shopping Centres - Change Of Use
SH10	Small Scale Shops (Including Corner Shops) - Change Of Use

<b>Policy Number</b>	<b>Policy Name</b>
SH11	Petrol Filling Stations - Retail Sales
SH12	Shop Fronts
CLT6	Loss Of Educational Buildings
CLT10	Requirements For Additional Educational Facilities Related To Development
CLT11	Allotment Provision
CLT12	Allocated Sites For Community Facilities
CLT14	New And Extensions To Existing Community Facilities
CLT15	Loss Of Existing Community Facilities
CLT16	Children's Nurseries And Playgroups
CLT18	Development Of And Extensions To, Worship Facilities
CLT19	Retention Of Public Houses
CLT20	Cemetery Provision
CLT21	Local Recycling Policy
CLT22	Sub Regional Indoor Sports Facilities
CLT23	Criteria For Large Scale Leisure Facilities
CLT24	Criteria For Small Scale Leisure Facilities
CLT25	Loss Of Existing Leisure Facilities
CLT28	Sports Pitches – New
CLT31	Major Spectator Sports
CLT32	Sports Stadium For Relocation Of Worcester City Football Club
CLT33	Loss Of Recreational Open Land
CLT34	Open Space Standard And Contributions
CLT38	Hotels



<b>Policy Number</b>	<b>Policy Name</b>
CLT44	Tourism Development - Associated Moorings