

Independent Examination of Black Country Core Strategy

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Dear Ms Roberts

Black Country Core Strategy Examination Regional Spatial Strategies

In the light of the 27 May 2010 letter from the Secretary of State, DCLG, regarding regional spatial strategies (RSS) and the Ministerial Statement of 9 June 2010 amending PPS 3 in relation to the definition of previously developed land (PDL) and minimum housing density, the Inspectors ask the Councils to confirm in writing that they wish to proceed with the examination of the submitted Joint Core Strategy and also if they intend to submit any further proposed changes arising directly from the letter or statement.

If any further changes are to be put forward the Inspectors will have to consider the need for further public consultation and/or sustainability appraisal (SA), as well as the possibility of postponing the start of the examination hearings. An early reply would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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