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Dear Melanie,

BLACK COUNTRY JOINT CORE STRATEGY

Thank you for your letter dated 14th June 2010. As indicated informally by officers on the 14th June, we now confirm in writing that the Black Country Authorities wish to proceed as currently planned with the Examination in Public as set out within the agreed timetable.

The Black Country Authorities do not anticipate making any changes to the current version of the Joint Core Strategy, so there is no necessity for either further consultation or sustainability appraisal work in relation to the issues arising from the Secretary of States letter on the 24th May and/or subsequent changes to PPS3 (Housing).

Over the past five years the Black Country Authorities have worked collaboratively to produce this Joint Core Strategy. We see it as an essential strategy which is key to delivering the regeneration of the sub region.

We look forward to exploring these issues during the Examination to allow the views of other key stakeholders to be considered.

Yours sincerely,



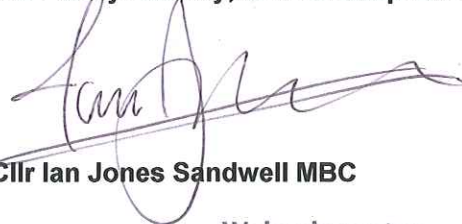
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