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Date: 24th September 2007

Dear Mr Eales

I am writing with reference to your application of 30th March 2007 for a direction under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 in respect of policies in the Carlisle District Local Plan (adopted September 1997).

The Secretary of State's Direction is attached. Those policies not listed in the Direction will expire on 27th 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 the Department for Communities and Local Government Protocol on saving policies.

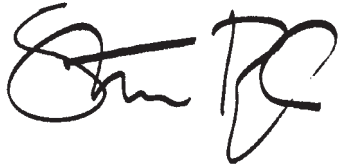
The extension of saved policies listed in this Direction does not indicate that the Secretary of State would endorse these policies if presented to her as new policy. It is intended to ensure continuity in the plan-led system and a stable planning framework locally, and in particular, a continual supply of land for development.

Local planning authorities should not support that a regulatory local plan style approach will be supported in forthcoming Development Plan Documents. 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.

Following 27th September 2007 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 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments in relevant decisions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Fyfe', written in a cursive style.

Steven Fyfe
Head of Local Planning Team

DIRECTION UNDER PARAGRAPH 1(3) OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE PLANNING AND
COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004
POLICIES CONTAINED IN CARLISLE DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN
(ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 1997)

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

Steven Fyfe
Head, Local Planning Team
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24 September 2007

SCHEDULE

POLICIES CONTAINED IN THE CARLISLE LOCAL PLAN (AS ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 1997)

Environment

E1	E19	E31	E45
E2	E20	E32	E46
E3	E21	E33	E47
E4	E22	E34	E48
E7	E23	E35	E49
E8	E24	E36	E50
E9	E25	E39	E51
E11	E26	E40	E52
E12	E27	E41	E53
E13	E28	E42	E55
E14	E29	E43	
E16	E30	E44	

Transport

T1	T6	T10	
T2	T7	T13	
T3	T8	T14	
T4	T9	T15	

Housing

H1	H7	H12	H17
H2	H9	H13	H18
H5	H10	H14	H19
H6	H11	H16	

Employment

EM1	EM6	EM10	EM15
EM2	EM7	EM11	EM16
EM3	EM8	EM13	
EM4	EM9	EM14	

Shopping

S1	S6	S8	S11
S3	S7	S10	S15

Leisure and other community uses

L1	L6	L10	L15
L2	L7	L11	L17
L4	L8	L12	L18
L5	L9	L14	L19