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Date: 18 March 2008

Dear Mr Godley

SAVED POLICIES

I am writing with reference to your application of 25 September 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 Bolton Unitary Development Plan.

The Secretary of State's Direction is attached.

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 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 suppose 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 7th April 2008 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 THE BOLTON UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN
(ADOPTED APRIL 2005)**

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
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Government Office for the North West
18 March 2008

**POLICIES CONTAINED IN THE BOLTON UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN
(ADOPTED APRIL 2005)**

Policies directed to be saved

Countryside and Rural Economy Policies	EM10 EM11 EM12 EM13	A8 A9 A10 A11 A12 A13 A14 A15 A16 A17 A18 A19 A20 A21	S1 S2 S3 S4 S5 S6 S7 S8
R1 R2 R3 R4 R5	Design and Built Environment Policies		
Green Belt Policies	D1 D2 D3 D4 D5 D6 D7 D8 D9 D10 D11 D12 D13 D14 D15	Housing Policies	Town Centre Policies TC1 TC2 TC3 TC4 TC5 TC6 TC7 TC8 TC9 TC10
G1 G2 G3 G4 G5 G6		H1 H2 H3 H4 H5 H6	
Nature Conservation Policies		Community Provision Policies	Minerals Policies M1 M2 M3 M4 M5
N1 N2 N3 N4 N5 N6 N7 N8 N9	Open Space and Recreation Policies	CP1 CP2 CP3 CP4	
	O1 O2 O3 O4 O5 O6 O7 O8	Employment and Economy Policies	Waste Policies W1 W2 W3
Environmental Management Policies		E1 E2 E3 E4 E5 E6 E7 E8	
EM1 EM2 EM3 EM4 EM5 EM6 EM7 EM8 EM9	Accessibility Policies A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 A6 A7	Retail and Leisure Policies	