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Dear Mr Harrison,

I am writing with reference to your application of 29th 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 South Kesteven Local Plan 1995.

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 suppose that a regulatory local plan style approach will be supported in forthcoming Development Plan Documents. LPA's 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. LPA's should make good progress with local development frameworks according to the timetables in their local development schemes. Policies have been extended in the

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expectation that they will be replaced promptly and by fewer policies in DPD's. Maximum use should be made of national and regional policy especially given the advanced position of many regional spatial strategies and the development plan status of the Regional Spatial Strategy/Spatial Development 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

Signed by authority of the
Secretary of State

Lesley Flint
Head of Housing, Planning & Urban Policy
21st September 2007

**DIRECTION UNDER PARAGRAPH 1(3) OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004**

**POLICIES CONTAINED IN THE SOUTH KESTEVEN LOCAL PLAN ADOPTED IN APRIL 1995**

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
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**SCHEDULE**

**POLICIES CONTAINED IN THE SOUTH KESTEVEN LOCAL PLAN ADOPTED**

**APRIL 1995**

| **Policy Number** | **Policy Name** |
|---|---|
| H1 | Housing Allocation - Grantham |
| H2 | Housing Allocation - Stamford |
| H3 | Housing Allocation – Bourne |
| H4 | Housing Allocation – The Deepings |
| H5 | Housing Allocation in the Rural Area outside the towns of Grantham, Stamford, Bourne and the Deepings. |
| H6 | Residential Development on sites not allocated at the towns and villages in policies H1, H2, H3, H4 and H5. |
| H7 | Residential Development in settlements other than those listed in Policies H1, H2, H3, H4 and H5 and at Belton |
| H8 | Affordable Housing |
| H9 | Affordable Housing |
| H11 | Sub-Division of Houses into Flats |
| H12 | Restriction on Change of Use of Residential Properties at Grantham and Stamford |
| E1 | Employment Allocation - Grantham |
| E2 | Employment Allocation - Stamford |
| E3 | Employment Allocation - Bourne |
| E4 | Employment Allocation - The Deepings |
| E5 | Employment Development elsewhere within the towns listed in H1, H2, H3 and H4 |
| E6 | Employment in the Rural Areas |
| E7 | Employment Allocations – Rural Area |
| E8 | New Employment in the Open Countryside |
| E11 | Safeguarding of Industrial Sites |
| S1 | Existing Town Centre Shopping Areas |
| S2 | New Shopping Development In and Around Town Centres |
| S3 | Non-Retail Uses in Primary Town Centre Shopping Streets |
| S6 | Local Shopping in the Towns |
| S7 | Local Shopping Centres in Major New Housing Developments |
| S8 | Shopping Development in Villages |
| EN1 | Protection and Enhancement of The Environment |
| EN2 | Development in the Countryside |
| EN5 | Prevention of Coalescence |
| EN6 | Open Areas Important to the Character and Setting of Built-Up Areas |
| EN7 | Historic Parks and Gardens |
| EN8 | Protection of Wildlife and Geological Sites |
| AG1 | Agricultural Buildings |

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| AG2 | Reuse of Adaptation of Agricultural and Other Rural Buildings |
| AG3 | Development Related to Agriculture |
| C1 | Sites of Archaeological Interest |
| C2 | Other Known Sites of Archaeological Importance |
| REC1 | Protection of Existing Recreational Open Space |
| REC3 | Public Open Space and new Housing Development |
| REC4 | Playing Fields Provision in New Residential Development of more than 100 dwellings or 4 Hectares |
| REC5 | Play Space Provision in New Residential Developments of more than 50 dwellings or 2 Hectares |
| REC7 | Allotments |
| REC9 | The Grantham Canal |
| REC10 | Indoor Leisure Facilities |
| REC11 | Touring Caravan and Camping Sites |
| T2 | Existing Town Centre Car Parks |

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