Dear Ms Waye,

SKDC SAP – ADDITIONAL MATTERS – SUSTAINABLE – NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK

Our Chamber has in its representations made on 18th November 2011 set out its views on the matter of sustainability. Since then in March 2012 the National Planning Policy Framework has been published.

It states the many various aspect of sustainability. These are too many to recap here, except to re-state that The purpose of planning is to help achieve sustainable development which is the first sentence of the Ministerial Foreword.

These many and varied statements do not reflect new legislation, policy or guidance. In fact these statements reflect well established and long existing principles and policies of English Town and Country Planning. Bu they do add new, strong and overriding emphasis to the importance of sustainability.

This work by SCOT has shown that SKDC’s proposed allocation of Stamford sites cannot be substantiated in terms of the National Planning Policy Framework, and pre existing principles and policies in respect of the requirement to give priority to developing brownfield land ahead of greenfield land.

As a result, the methods used in the selection of sites for allocation renders the SAP unsound. It is not 'Justified' as:

A. The sites selections are not the most appropriate alternatives when considered against the reasonable alternatives.

B. One reasonable alternative, that proposed by SCOT, has not even been considered for inclusion in the selection process.

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We invite the SAP Inspector to consider these points which we think render the SAP unsound.

Yours sincerely,

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