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Dear Ms Feeney

## **REGIONAL STRATEGY REVOCATION**

Thank you for your letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> December 2012 inviting representations in respect of the revocation of the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS). I would be grateful if you would pass on the following brief comments to the Inspector.

The proposed level of housing set out in the Core Strategy appears to have been justified on the basis of the Council's view of the capacity of the District to accommodate housing development, and that it reflects an extrapolation of the Regional Spatial Strategy requirements. The revocation of the RSS lends further weight to the position set out in the representations submitted on behalf of ERLP2 Ltd to the Submission Draft Core Strategy and subsequently to the Main Modifications, that this is an inappropriate approach, and furthermore that, in accordance with the NPPF, the Council must objectively assess (using the SHMA and SHLAA) housing need in the District and plan to meet the full development needs through the Core Strategy. Further comments in this respect will be made in the Examination Statement in relation to Matter 5.

Yours sincerely

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**Director**