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Dear All

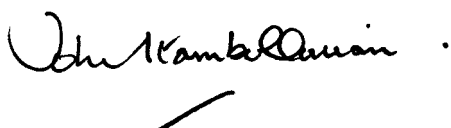
**PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004: PROTOCOL FOR
 REQUESTING EXTENSION OF 'SAVED' POLICIES BEYOND THE THREE
 YEAR PERIOD**

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, provides for the saving of policies in adopted or approved local, structure and unitary development plans for a period of 3 years from the commencement date of the Act, which was 28 September 2004. Policies in adopted or approved plans at commencement date are due to expire on 27 September 2007 unless the Secretary of State extends such policies beyond that date¹. The attached protocol sets out the procedures for applying to the Secretary of State to request extension to policies in plans beyond the three year period.

Your Government Office colleagues can discuss this issue with you and will help you to process your requests.

I am copying this letter to the LGA, and the Planning Officers' Society.

Yours sincerely



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¹ Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004; Schedule 8(1(3))