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Date: 23 December 2010

Dear Mr Monks

**Huntingdonshire District Council
Huntingdon West Area Action Plan DPD**

1. As you know I was appointed by the Secretary of State to carry out an independent examination of the Huntingdon West Area Action Plan Development Plan Document, which was submitted on 9 April 2010 under section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. My overall conclusion is that, with the changes recommended in my Report, this DPD satisfies the requirements of Section 20 (5) (a) and (b) of the 2004 Act and the associated 2004 Regulations (as amended), and also meets the soundness criteria set out in Planning Policy Statement 12. Thus, I find that the Huntingdon West AAP has complied with the legal requirements and is sound.

3. I held a Pre-Hearing meeting on 2 June 2010 and conducted the Examination by way of written exchanges and a series of hearings that were held between 27 July and 4 August 2010. I have also considered the representations made following the consultation on the Council's Proposed Changes and their Sustainability Appraisal in October 2010.

4. Please convey my thanks to all the Council's staff for their helpful, positive and professional response to my issues and questions. I would also like to record my grateful appreciation to my Programme Officer, Gloria Alexander - her good humour, friendliness, organisational skills, and efficiency ensured that the entire Examination ran smoothly.

5. I hope that my conclusions and recommendations in the accompanying Report will enable your Council to ensure a positive social, economic and environmental outcome for Huntingdon to benefit the local community.

Yours sincerely,

David Vickery