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Dear Ms Eastaugh,

Greater Norwich Development Partnership Joint Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk - Regulation 25 Consultation

Thank you for consulting the Assembly on this matter.

The Regional Planning Panel Standing Committee considered the attached report at the meeting on 24 April 2009.

The Committee agreed that that Policy 5 of the Joint Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk Regulation 25 consultation document is in generally conformity with East of England Plan

This letter and the report constitute the Assembly's formal response to this consultation.

If you have any queries concerning this, or any other issue relating to conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy, please contact myself or James Cutting, Team Leader - Strategy & Implementation (01284 729434 or james.cutting@eera.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely



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**Regional Planning Panel Standing Committee
24 April 2009**

**Greater Norwich Development Partnership Joint Core Strategy for Broadland,
Norwich and South Norfolk - Regulation 25 Consultation**

Report by Regional Secretariat

Purpose

To give a response to the Greater Norwich Development Partnership Joint Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk Regulation 25 Consultation.

Recommendation

The Standing Committee is asked to consider that Policy 5 of the Joint Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk Regulation 25 consultation document is in generally conformity with the East of England Plan.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Greater Norwich Development Partnership has invited comments on the Joint Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk Technical Document for consultation under Regulation 25 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.Consultation.
- 1.2 The consultation is open from 2 March to 24 April 2009.The consultation document can be found at: <http://www.gndp.org.uk/reg25>

2. Background

- 2.1 The Joint Core Strategy (JCS) is being co-ordinated by the Greater Norwich Development Partnership (GNDP), an association of Norwich City Council, Broadland District Council, South Norfolk District Council, Norfolk County Council and the Broads Authority, which was formed in order to manage development and growth in the Greater Norwich Area.
- 2.2 The Greater Norwich Area (GNA) encompasses the Norwich Policy Area (NPA) and the districts of Broadland and South Norfolk, and covers an area of 1495 km² (577 miles²). The towns of Aylsham, Diss, Harleston and Wymondham, and the Key Service Centres of Blofield, Brundall, Hingham, Loddon, Long Stratton, Reepham and Wroxham are important centres for population and employment. The remainder of the GNA is a rural area characterised by small market towns, villages and hamlets.
- 2.3 Policy H1 of the Regional Spatial Strategy sets a minimum target of 37,500 new homes to be built in the GNA between April 2001 and March 2021. Policy E1 assumes that at least 35,000 new jobs will be created by 2021.

3. Regional and Local Context

- 3.1 At a regional level, planning guidance for the Greater Norwich Area is contained within the adopted East of England Plan (May 2008),
- 3.2 The Joint Core Strategy will replace the Broadland District local Plan (Replacement), which was adopted in 2006, the City of Norwich Replacement Local Plan, adopted in 2004, and the South Norfolk Local Plan, adopted in 2003.

4 Comments

- 4.1 Consultation was conducted on the Joint Core Strategy Technical Document in August / September 2008. A report was considered by the RPP Standing Committee on 12 September 2008. The committee agreed that the Joint Core Strategy was in generally conformity with East of England Plan with the exception of further detail regarding sustainable construction, waste management, renewable energy, and prioritisation of use of brownfield land. At that time locations for strategic growth were still being considered.
- 4.2 Although the JCS has not yet been updated to reflect comments submitted at the previous stage of consultation and the issues noted above still need to be addressed, the favoured option for strategic growth has now been incorporated (policy 5). Comments submitted in respect of this consultation will be added to the Assembly's other response.
- 4.3 The revision to Policy 5 of the JCS presents the GNDP's preferred growth option for the Norwich Policy Area as:

| Location | Favoured Options |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Norwich | 3,000 |
| Broadland (smaller sites) | 2,000 |
| South Norfolk (smaller sites) | 1,800 |
| Old Catton / Sprowston / Rackheath | 7,000 |
| South West: | |
| Hethersett | 1,000 |
| Cringleford | 1,200 |
| Wymondham | 2,200 |
| Easton / Costessy | 1,000 |
| Long Stratton | 1,800 |

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 The Standing Committee is asked to consider that Policy 5 of the Joint Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk Regulation 25 consultation document is in generally conformity with the East of England Plan.

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