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Dear Representor

On 12 April I contacted you to advise you of a delay to the publication of the Inspector's report on the Examination of the Hertfordshire Waste Core Strategy and Development Management Policies DPD and a further 4 week consultation period to allow for comments on the matters raised in the newly published National Planning Policy Framework is so far as they related to the Hertfordshire Waste Core Strategy and Development Management Policies DPD Examination. The closing date for this consultation is today. Today the council has received further information from the Inspector.

Arising from its recently published National Planning Policy Framework ('the Framework'), the Government has now published a Model Policy, to be included in all development plan documents (local plans), to ensure implementation of the presumption in favour of sustainable development included in the Framework. The wording of the Model Policy is as follows:

'When considering development proposals the Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the National Planning Policy Framework. It will always work proactively with applicants jointly to find solutions which mean that proposals can be approved wherever possible, and to secure development that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions in the area.

Planning applications that accord with the policies in this local plan (and, where relevant, with policies in neighbourhood plans) will be approved without delay, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Where there are no policies relevant to the application or relevant policies are out of date at the time of making the decision then the Council will grant permission unless material considerations indicate otherwise – taking into account whether:

- **Any adverse impacts of granting permission would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework taken as a whole; or**
- **Specific policies in that Framework indicate that development should be restricted'.**

The addition of the Model Policy will constitute a further change to the plan and in order to give representors an opportunity to comment on matters raised by the Model Policy in relation to the Hertfordshire Waste Core Strategy and Development Management Policies DPD examination an additional 3 week consultation period will be available. If you wish to make representations on the matters raised in this document as far as they relate to the Hertfordshire Waste Core Strategy and Development Management Policies DPD Examination, please could you send your response to me by Friday 1 June.

Responses can be made either by e-mail or in writing to:

The Programme Officer
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County Hall
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I will collate all responses and forward these to the Inspector to inform her final report on the Examination. To date the council has received no indication of a possible publication date for the report.

If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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