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Dear Maxine

Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Structure Plan: Saved Policies

I refer to your letter of 2 October and our subsequent phone conversations and emails concerning the extension of saved policies for the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Structure Plan. I understand that policies extended by the Secretary of State's Direction of September 2007 did not accord with the proposals submitted by South West Regional Assembly, following advice from your authority. This was due to an error on our part and I apologise for this.

After seeking clarification from my colleagues in the Department for Communities and Local Government, I can confirm that the Secretary of State has no powers to amend her direction (including the schedule attached to it). The policies that were not included in the direction no longer form part of the development plan and, therefore, the Secretary of State no longer has the power to extend them. Therefore the Secretary of State is unable to take any remedial action.

If you would like to discuss the possible implication of this situation please do not hesitate to call. I also have notified my colleague Simone Wilding, the GOSW Senior Planning Manger for Dorset, about this matter. I have also copied this letter to Peter Brown at the SW Regional Assembly

Yours sincerely

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