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Dear Sir

I am writing with reference to your application of **22 September 2008** for a direction under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 in respect of policies in the **Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Joint Structure Plan (adopted 16 February 2006)**.

The Secretary of State's Direction is attached. Those policies not listed in the Direction will expire on **16 February 2009**.

The Secretary of State's assessment of whether saved policies should be extended is based upon the criteria set out in Planning Policy Statement 11 and the Department for Communities and Local Government Protocol on saving policies.

Maximum use should be made of national and regional policy especially given the advanced position of many regional spatial strategies and the development plan status of the Regional Spatial Strategy.

Following 16 February 2009 the extended policies should be read in context. Where policies were adopted some time ago, it is likely that material considerations, in particular the emergence of new national and regional policy and also new evidence, will be afforded considerable weight in decisions.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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