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Dear Phil Clarke

I am writing with reference to your application of **5 March 2007** for a direction under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 in respect of policies in the **Blaby District Local Plan Adopted September 1999**.

The Secretary of State's Direction is attached. Those policies not listed in the Direction will expire on 27th September 2007.

The Secretary of State's assessment of whether saved policies should be extended is based upon the criteria set out in Planning Policy Statement 12 and the Department for Communities and Local Government Protocol on saving policies. The extension of saved policies listed in this Direction does not indicate that the Secretary of State would endorse these policies if presented to her as new policy. It is intended to ensure continuity in the plan-led system and a stable planning framework locally, and in particular, a continual supply of land for development.

Local planning authorities should not suppose that a regulatory local plan style approach will be supported in forthcoming Development Plan Documents. LPAs should adopt a positive spatial strategy led approach to DPD preparation and not seek to reintroduce the numerous policies of many local plans.

The exercise of extending saved policies is not an opportunity to delay DPD preparation. LPAs should make good progress with local development frameworks according to the timetables in their local development schemes. Policies have been extended in the expectation that they will be replaced promptly and by fewer policies in DPDs. 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/Spatial Development Strategy.



Following 27 September 2007 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. In particular, we would draw your attention to the importance of reflecting policy in Planning Policy Statement 3 Housing and Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments in relevant decisions.

Signed by authority of the
Secretary of State

Lesley Flint

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Head of Housing, Planning & Urban Policy



**DIRECTION UNDER PARAGRAPH 1(3) OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE
PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004
POLICIES CONTAINED IN THE BLABY DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN
ADOPTED IN SEPTEMBER 1999**

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in exercise of the power conferred by paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 directs that for the purposes of the policies specified in the Schedule to this direction, paragraph 1(2)(a) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 does not apply.

Signed by authority of the
Secretary of State

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SCHEDULE

POLICIES CONTAINED IN THE BLABY DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 1999

- R1 Residential Development within Primarily Residential Areas
- R2 Non Residential Development in Primarily Residential Areas
- R3 Other housing development within the Limits to the Built Up Areas
- R4 Affordable Housing on sites not specifically proposed for development
- R5 Affordable Housing in Rural Area (Exceptions Sites)
- R11 Cosby Cottages Estate
- R12 Cosby Cottages Estate
- R13 Playspace for Children
- R14 Open Space for Formal Recreation
- R15 New Residential Development
- E1 Employment Development within Primarily Employment Area
- E2 Primarily Business Areas and Other Locations for Business within the Built Up Area
- E4 Protection of Employment Land and Buildings
- E5 Calor Site, Potters Marston
- E6 High Pressure Gas Pipeline
- E7 Employment Development Proposals
- E8 Business Development Proposal - Highfields Enterprise Centre, Stoney Stanton
- E9 Business and General Industrial Development Proposal - Kirby Park Farm, Kirby Muxloe
- E10 High Quality Employment Site Proposal - Grove Farm, Enderby
- T1 Public Transport Provision to serve Major New Development
- T2 Off Road / Lay-by Provision for Public Transport
- T3 New Highway Schemes: Provision of Pedestrian and Cyclist Facilities and Environmental Safeguards
- T4 Traffic Impact Assessments
- T5 Road Related Service Facilities
- T6 Off Street Parking Provision
- T7 Loss of Off Street Parking or Garaging Space
- T8 Off Road Facilities for Loading, Unloading and Servicing
- T10 Car Parking and Servicing Areas Design
- T11 Road Improvement Lines
- T12 Access and Mobility Needs; Open Spaces
- T13 Land Safeguarded for the Provision of New Railway Stations
- T14 Narborough Station Car Park Extension
- T15 High Load / Abnormal Load Route
- T16 Airport Flight Path
- T17 Road Schemes and Improvements

- S2 Small Scale Retail Developments
- S3 Loss of Local Shopping Facilities
- S4 Financial, Professional and Other Services
- S5 Food and Drink Uses
- S6 Opening Hours of Hot Food Shops
- S7 Farm Shops
- S9 Blaby Central Area
- S10 Blaby Central Area - Primary Shopping Frontages
- S11 Blaby Central Area - Secondary Shopping Frontages
- S12 Motorways Retail Area
- S13 Local Shopping Centres
- S14 Village Centres and Neighbourhood Centres
- S15 Development Within Local Shopping Centres
- C1 Agricultural Buildings in the Countryside
- C2 Other Development in the Countryside
- C3 Green Wedges
- C4 Separation of Settlements
- C5 The Change of Use and Adaptation of Existing Buildings in the Countryside, Green Wedges and Areas of Separation
- C6 Extension of Existing Buildings in the Countryside, Green Wedges and Areas of Separation
Replacement of Existing Dwellings in the Countryside, Green Wedges and Areas of Separation
- C7 Areas of Separation
- C10 Open Areas of Importance to the Form and Character of the Built Environment
- C11 Elmesthorpe Land Settlement Association Area
- L1 Location of Sport and Recreation Development
- L2 Protection of Recreation Land and Buildings
- L4 Recreation Proposal; Cork Lane, Glen Parva
- L5 Recreation Proposal; Carey Hill Road, Stoney Stanton
- L6 Other Public Open Space Proposals
- L7 Recreation Routes
- L8 Grand Union Canal
- L9 Disused Quarries
- L10 Tourism Development
- CE1 Scheduled Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites
- CE3 Listed Buildings; Demolition
- CE4 Listed Buildings; Change of Use
- CE6 Listed Buildings; Setting
- CE7 Listed Buildings; Signs and Advertisements
- CE8 Conservation Areas; Demolition of Unlisted Buildings
- CE9 Conservation Areas; Vistas/Street Scenes/Open Spaces
- CE10 Conservation Areas; Character or Appearance
- CE11 Conservation Areas; New Buildings and Extensions to Existing Buildings
- CE12 Conservation Areas; Traffic Levels

CE13 Conservation Areas; Advertisements
CE14 Conservation Areas; Advertisements
CE15 Kirby Fields Conservation Area
CE16 Cosby Conservation Area; Shopfront Replacement
CE17 Cosby Conservation Area; Shopfront Replacement or Alteration
CE19 Other Nature Conservation Site Protection
CE21 Existing Trees and Woodlands
CE22 Landscaping
CE23 Croft Hill Area of Local Landscape Value
CE24 Fosse Meadows Nature Park
CE25 Crime Prevention
CE26 Light Pollution
M2 Unstable Land
M3 Contaminated Land
M4 Mineral Reserves
CF5 Floodplain Protection
CF7 Sewage Treatment Works - Cordon Sanitaire
CF9 Blaby Hospital
IM1 Planning Obligations