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Dear Mr Bristow,

## **WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SUBMISSION**

Thank you for the submission of the Worcestershire County Council Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). This response from the Government Office for the West Midlands contains representations made in regard to the tests of soundness. In addition this letter sets out a number of comments which you are also requested to bring to the Inspector at the examination.

To raise community awareness of the opportunities for which local communities will be engaged by Worcester County Council, identification should be made of the stages of Local Development Document (LDD) preparation such as; Issues & Options, Preferred Options and Submission for Development Plan Documents (DPD) and the draft stage of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). To help aid the understanding of local communities of the process of DPD, SPD and Sustainability Appraisal preparation there should be inclusion of figures 4.1 and 4.2 of PPS12 which clearly identify the processes involved. **TEST 4 (Part 2: pages 7-9)**

The SCI should clearly identify the mechanisms in place which will trigger a review of the SCI to occur. The SCI should also confirm how often it is envisaged it will be monitored. The role of the Annual Monitoring Report should be identified as a mechanism of reviewing the effectiveness of the SCI. **TEST 8 (paragraph 4.8 page 17)**

The SCI should identify that the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) will be produced and published by your authority. There should also be explanation of the role and purpose of the AMR in relation to the Worcestershire Minerals and Waste Development Framework.

It should be noted that Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), Department of Trade and Industry and Home Office can be consulted through the

Government Office. In addition, the Government Departments identified in the Appendix 3, the other omitted Government Departments from Annex E2 of PPS12 should be included.

The Government Office would like to take this opportunity to confirm that it wishes to remain on the mailing list for the production of future DPDs.

Yours sincerely

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