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Dear Ms. Pierce-Jenkins,

**Telford and Wrekin Local Development Framework
Development Plan Document Submission Consultation
October 3rd. – November 14th. 2006.**

I refer to your letter dated 2nd. October 2006 and the Submitted Core Strategy and its supporting documents. The comments from the Government Office are made in relation to the Tests of Soundness. I have largely concentrated on those Tests which relate to conformity, coherence, consistency and effectiveness. My comments, which we have previously discussed, are set out in the attached sheets, one in relation to each of the relevant tests of soundness.

With regard to procedure, I note that the Core Strategy is identified in the Borough Council's Local Development Scheme and its contents reflect the summary in that document. The Core Strategy was submitted with a range of documents including the Sustainability Appraisal Report, Pre-Submission Statement of Consultation, the Statement of Community Involvement, a list of evidence and the Technical Supporting Document. I also note that consultations have been carried out in accordance with the SCI and that the Core Strategy has been the subject of a Sustainability Appraisal. Circular 01/2006. The Core Strategy should give guidance to that allocation process.

I have one general area of concern relating to the use of the Technical Supporting Document. If it is being used to supplement the Core Strategy, it should be cross referenced with the relevant policies in the Core Strategy for greater clarity.

Should you require any clarification of the points raised, please contact me.

A copy of this letter and the attached response forms are in the post to you.

Yours sincerely

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