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Dear Brian

EXAMINATION INTO THE SOUNDNESS OF NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME AND STOKE-ON-TRENT CORE SPATIAL STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT

I am writing on behalf of the Secretary of State to inform you that in response to the submission of the above-named Development Plan Document, and in accordance with section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 Inspector Jean Jones MA DipTP MRTPI has been appointed to conduct the examination to determine whether the above-named Development Plan Document is sound. Once it is clear what the issues are that need to be examined it may be decided that another Inspector or Inspectors should be appointed to deal with certain aspects of the examination.

The Development Plan Document will be tested under new PPS12. The Inspector will check for legal compliance and establish soundness under the three tests i.e. justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

The precise date for the opening of any formal hearing part of the examination into the Development Plan Document will be decided by the Inspector. The report setting out the Inspector's conclusions on whether the Development Plan Document is sound and recommendations for any changes will be binding and the anticipated date by which the report will be produced will be announced at the last programmed session of the examination.

Your Council will be responsible for the examination arrangements and also for all preliminary procedures. However, the Inspector will be available through the Programme Officer to offer advice on the examination programme and timetable, and to conduct a pre-examination procedural meeting. Arrangements should be made for providing the Inspector with comfortable seating and desk facilities at the examination venue, together with adequate accommodation for those making representations, the general public, the Press and Programme Officer.

Under current arrangements a charge will be made for determining whether your Development Plan Document is sound. The current fee rate is £993 per day or



£134.19 per hour. In addition your council will be required to reimburse any expenses paid for such items as travel costs, subsistence etc. An invoice will be issued for your Development Plan Document once the report has been despatched. Both the fees and expenses will be payable for all duties carried out in determining whether your Development Plan Document is sound.

Yours sincerely

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cc Govt Office West Midlands