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Dear John

**East Riding of Yorkshire Local Development Framework: Bridlington Area
Action Plan Issues and Options Consultation**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above.

As you know, the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced mechanisms to help ensure that Development Plan Documents (DPDs) drawn up by local authorities as part of their Local Development Framework are in general conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS). The intention is to ensure that DPDs are contributing to the delivery of the RSS and that the two strands of the Development Plan for an area (the RSS and DPDs) are mutually supportive and not in conflict. In this regard, we are pleased to see that you have summarised the relevant existing RSS policies and referred to the draft RSS in the consultation report.

When a Development Plan Document is submitted to the Secretary of State a formal Assembly view on its general conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy will need to be given. The Assembly is committed to helping the general conformity of DPDs and the RSS to develop by 'frontloading' its comments as early in the preparation process as possible. Unfortunately, in this case, I must apologise that we haven't been able to send you any comments during the consultation period due to pressure on staff resources.

If there are any particular issues relating to the Regional Spatial Strategy that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me. Otherwise, I look forward to receiving the Bridlington Area Action Plan Preferred Options Document from you in due course and we will make every effort to respond to this consultation.

Regards



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