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Dear Ian

**Local Development Framework (LDF) – Waste Development Plan Document –  
Publication and Submission**

Further to your letter of 27 February 2009, I am pleased to confirm that the Regional Planning Body's opinion is that the Wakefield Metropolitan District Waste Development Plan Document is in general conformity with the Yorkshire and Humber Plan, the Regional Spatial Strategy to 2026 (May 2008).

Under new Regulation 29 (2008), this opinion is issued when the local authority publishes the DPD for comment prior to submission to the Secretary of State.

There are no issues of conformity between the Waste Development Plan and the Yorkshire and Humber Plan (RSS).

The RSS has an important role in providing a strategic policy context for local policies. The Regional Planning Body welcomes that the need for there to be 'general conformity' between the RSS and the Waste Development Plan Document is set out at the start of the document. This helps to reinforce the close relationship that there needs to be between the RSS and the DPD and it demonstrates how the DPD will help to implement the RSS.

The Regional Planning Body (RPB) also welcomes references made throughout the document to RSS (May 2008) and welcomes the regional planning policy context that is set out throughout the document.

Policies ENV12, ENV13, and ENV14 of RSS (2008) encourage an approach to waste management which will lead to the reduction and reuse of materials and take into account the principles of the waste hierarchy, self sufficiency at the regional and local level, the proximity principle and the Regional Waste Management Strategy. The

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Regional Planning Body is encouraged that this approach has been taken forward in this document.

In terms of forecasts of waste arising in the Wakefield District the Regional Planning Body welcomes **paragraph 3.6** which states that that these forecasts are based upon figures set out in the RSS (2008).

Policy ENV12 of RSS (2008) provides for local authorities to support the urgent provision of a combination of facilities and other waste management initiatives which best meet environmental, social, and economic needs through achieving all statutory waste management performance targets during the Plan period. The Regional Planning Body therefore welcomes the references made in **Table 4** to the municipal waste forecasts as set out in Table 10.5 of RSS (2008).

The Regional Planning Body is encouraged that **paragraphs 3.26 – 3.41** of this document emphasises the strong need there is to increase waste management facilities in the region.

The Regional Planning Body supports **Policy W2** which provides for the development of a strategic waste management facility for municipal waste at South Kirkby. As, the document states an application for this site was submitted in June 2008 and was granted planning permission in November 2008. The Regional Planning Body in its role as a statutory consultee on major planning applications was asked to provide comments on this proposed development. The Regional Planning Body supported the proposed development on the basis that it would assist in the implementation of RSS waste policy.

If you have any queries about these points, please do not hesitate to contact Martin Elliot on 01924 331 555.

Yours sincerely

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