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Dear Mrs Smith,

**Core Strategy Proposed Submission Document March 2009**

Thank you for sending a copy of the proposed submission version of the core strategy and supporting documents to the Assembly.

The Regional Planning Panel Standing Committee considered the attached report at its meeting on 15 May 2009 and endorsed the following conclusion:

“Forest Heath’s core strategy is in general conformity with the East of England Plan.”

Our detailed comments, which are set out in Appendix A of the attached report, constitute the Assembly’s formal response to this consultation. Please note that in Appendix A, where no comments are made against regional and local policy, the local policy is considered to conform to the East of England Plan. This opinion of general conformity is made in accordance with section 24(3) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, and regulation 29(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.

If you have any queries concerning the content of the report or any other issue relating to conformity with the East of England Plan, please contact me or Adrian Cannard, Head of Planning and Housing.

Yours sincerely,

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