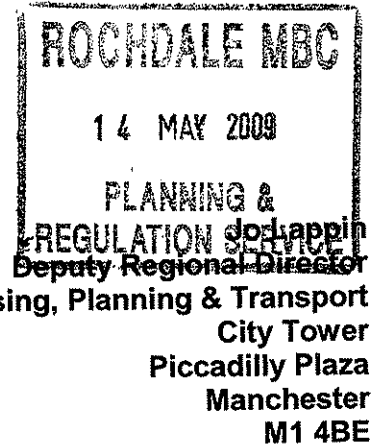




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Dear Paul,

SAVED POLICIES

I am writing with reference to your Council's application for a direction under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 in respect of policies in the Rochdale Borough Unitary Development Plan. The Secretary of State's Direction is attached.

The Secretary of State's assessment of whether saved policies should be extended is based upon the criteria set out in Planning Policy Statement 12 and the Department for Communities and Local Government Protocol on saving policies.


The extension of saved policies listed in this Direction does not indicate that the Secretary of State would endorse these policies if presented to her as new policy. It is intended to ensure continuity in the plan-led system and a stable planning framework locally, and in particular, a continual supply of land for development.

Local planning authorities should not suppose that a regulatory local plan style approach will be supported in forthcoming Development Plan Documents. LPAs should adopt a positive spatial strategy led approach to DPD preparation and not seek to reintroduce the numerous policies of many local plans.

The exercise of extending saved policies is not an opportunity to delay DPD preparation. LPAs should make good progress with local development frameworks according to the timetables in their local development schemes. Policies have been extended in the expectation that they will be replaced promptly and by fewer policies in DPDs. Maximum use should be made of national and regional policy especially given the development plan status of the Regional Spatial Strategy.



Following 15th June 2009 the extended policies should be read in context. Where policies were adopted some time ago, it is likely that material considerations, in particular the emergence of new national and regional policy and also new evidence, will be afforded considerable weight in decisions. In particular, we would draw your attention to the importance of reflecting policy in Planning Policy Statement 3 *Housing* and Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments in relevant decisions.

Yours sincerely


Jo Lappin
Deputy Regional Director

**DIRECTION UNDER PARAGRAPH 1(3) OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE PLANNING AND
COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004
POLICIES CONTAINED IN THE ROCHDALE BOROUGH UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN
ADOPTED ON 15 JUNE 2006**

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in exercise of the power conferred by paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 directs that for the purposes of the policies specified in the Schedule to this direction, paragraph 1(2)(a) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 does not apply.

Signed by authority of the
Secretary of State



Jo Lappin
Deputy Regional Director,
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13 May 2009

SCHEDULE

POLICIES CONTAINED IN THE ROCHDALE UDP ADOPTED ON 15 JUNE 2006

The Plan Strategy	H/13	Community Facilities and Public Services	M/7 M/8	
G/SP/1	Shopping and the Role of Centres	G/CF/1 CF/2 CF/3 CF/4 CF/5 CF/6 CF/7	Waste	
G/SP/2				
G/SP/3				
Defined Urban Area, Green Belt and Protected Open Land	G/S/1			G/W/1
	G/S/2			W/2
	S/3			W/3
	S/4			W/4
	S/5		W/5	
	S/6		W/6	
	S/7		W/7	
	S/8	Greenspace	W/8	
	S/9			
	S/10			
G/D/1	S/11	Accessibility		
G/D/2	S/12			
D/3			G/A/1	
D/4			A/2	
D/5			A/3	
D/6			A/4	
D/7			A/5	
D/8	Leisure and Tourism		A/6	
D/9			A/7	
D/10			A/8	
Employment and the Economy	G/LT/1	G/8(A)	A/9	
	LT/2	G/8(B)	A/10	
	LT/3	G/8(C)	A/11	
	LT/4	G/8(D)	A/12	
	LT/5	G/9	A/13	
	LT/6	G/10	A/14	
	LT/7		A/15	
	LT/8	Countryside and the Rural Economy	A/16	
	LT/9		A/17	
Housing	Regeneration	G/RE/1	A/18	
		RE/2	A/19	
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		RE/5	A/22	
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**Design and
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**The Natural
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**Environmental
Management**

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