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Our Ref:  
Your Ref:

Dear Mr Stimpson

**PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004  
THE LOCAL PLAN FOR SLOUGH 2004 SAVED POLICIES APPLICATION**

I am writing with reference to your application on behalf of Slough Borough Council of 29 March for a direction under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 in respect of policies in the Local Plan for Slough.

The Secretary of State's Direction is attached. Those policies not listed in the Direction will expire on 27 September 2007.

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: *Local Development Frameworks* and the Department for Communities and Local Government protocol on saving policies. The Secretary of State's decisions concern some policies where there have been representations from a third party expressing views that differ from those of the local authority. Also, her decisions in respect of some policies have the effect of saving policies that an authority requested should not be extended. For clarity, where either or both of these two circumstances apply, the Secretary of State's reasons are set out in the table at the end of this letter.

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 (DPDs). 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 27 September 2007, 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 the Housing Green Paper – *Homes for the future: more affordable, more sustainable* in relevant decisions.

Policy Ref	Reason	Extended	Not Extended

Yours sincerely

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**DIRECTION UNDER PARAGRAPH 1(3) OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE PLANNING AND  
COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004  
POLICIES CONTAINED IN THE LOCAL PLAN FOR SLOUGH  
ADOPTED MARCH 2004**

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 (1) 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

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**SCHEDULE**  
**POLICIES CONTAINED IN THE LOCAL PLAN FOR SLOUGH 2004**

<b>Policy Number</b>	<b>Policy Title/Purpose</b>
H2	Housing Sites
H3	Additional Housing Sites
H7	Town Centre Housing
H8	Loss of Housing
H9	Comprehensive Planning
H10	Minimum Density
H11	Change of Use to Residential
H12	Residential Areas of Exceptional Character
H13	Backland/Infill Development
H14	Amenity Space
H15	Residential Extensions
H17	Conversion of Garages to Habitable Rooms
H18	Granny Annexes
H20	Houses in Multiple Occupation
H22	Elderly Persons, Nursing and Care Homes
H23	Residential Children's Homes
H24	Bed and Breakfast Accommodation
EMP2	Criteria for Business Developments
EMP4	Development outside of the Existing Business Area
EMP5	Proposed Town Centre Offices
EMP6	Stoke Road Area
EMP7	Slough Trading Estate
EMP8	Heathrow Business Park
EMP9	Lakeside Road Estate, Galleymead Road and the Poyle Estate

<b>Policy Number</b>	<b>Policy Title/Purpose</b>
EMP10	Langley Business Park and Langley Business Centre
EMP12	Remaining Existing Business Areas
S1	Retail Hierarchy
S3	Major Non-Food Retail Development
S4	Warehouse Clubs
S6	Food Superstores
S8	Primary and Secondary Frontages
S9	Change of Use A1-A2
S10	Change of Use A1-A2 – Neighbourhood Centres
S11	Late Night Uses in Slough Town Centre
S12	Change of Use A1-A3
S13	Pavement Cafés
S14	Amusement Centres
S15	Diversification of Use
S16	Town Centre Leisure Uses
S17	New Shop Fronts
S18	Security Shutters
EN1	Standard of Design
EN2	Extensions
EN3	Landscaping Requirements
EN5	Design and Crime Prevention
EN6	Interference with Telecommunications Signals
EN7	Telecommunications Development
EN9	Public Art
EN11	Advertisements on Commercial Buildings
EN17	Locally Listed Buildings

<b>Policy Number</b>	<b>Policy Title/Purpose</b>
EN22	Protection of Sites with Nature Conservation Interest
EN23	Areas of Local Nature Conservation Interest
EN24	Protection of Watercourses
EN34	Utility Infrastructure
OSC1	Protection of Public Open Space
OSC2	Protection of School Playing Fields
OSC3	Protection of School Playing Fields Declared Surplus to Educational Requirements
OSC4	Protection of Private Playing Fields and Courts
OSC5	Public Open Space Requirements
OSC7	Cippenham Green Wedge
OSC8	Green Spaces
OSC9	Allotments
OSC13	Floodlighting
OSC14	Sequential Test for Key Complementary Town Centre Uses
OSC15	Provision of Facilities in new Residential Developments
OSC17	Loss of Community, Leisure or Religious Facilities
CG1	Colne Valley Park
CG2	Linear Park
CG3	Redevelopment of Canal Basin
CG4	Slough Arm of the Grand Union Canal
CG9	Strategic Gap
CG10	Heathrow Airport Safeguarded Area
T2	Parking Restraint
T7	Rights of Way
T8	Cycling Networks and Facilities
T9	Bus Network and Facilities

<b>Policy Number</b>	<b>Policy Title/Purpose</b>
T10	Rail Interchange Facilities
T11	Protection of the West Drayton to Staines Line
T12	Rail Freight Transfer Facilities
T13	Road Widening Lines
T14	Rear Service Roads
TC1	Town Centre Small Housing Sites
TC2	Slough Old Town