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Dear Mr Durham,

**Maldon District Local Development Plan (2014-2029)**

On 8 June 2015, in exercise of his powers under section 21(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 the (then) Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government intervened in the Maldon District Local Development Plan (2014-2029) on request of the Council.

The Secretary of State intervened to test whether the Inspector who had produced the interim findings on the Plan had reached an appropriate, proportionate and balanced view on the Plan as a whole in the light of national planning policy. Following thorough consideration of the findings, the Secretary of State decided to arrange for the examination of the Plan to move forward and appointed a new Inspector to continue the examination on 29 March 2016.

I received the report of the Inspector on the examination of the Maldon District Local Development Plan on 29 June 2017. The Inspector has concluded that, with the inclusion of a number of main modifications proposed by the Council, the Plan now satisfies the requirements of section 20(5) of the 2004 Act and meets the criteria for soundness in the National Planning Policy Framework.

I have carefully considered the report of the Inspector and other relevant matters, including the Local Development Scheme. Having done so, I have decided to approve the Plan, incorporating the main modifications recommended by the Inspector, as I agree that it meets the relevant statutory requirements. I also agree that

the Council may incorporate a number of minor modifications to the Plan, which, whilst not included as a main modification, were considered to be helpful and welcomed by the Inspector. The Plan, as modified, now forms part of the development plan for the area.

Having approved the plan, I request that as soon as reasonably practicable the Council make available at its offices and on its website:

- i) a copy of this decision statement
- ii) a copy of the Local Development Plan, incorporating the main and minor modifications
- iii) the sustainability appraisal report
- iv) details of where the Plan is available for inspection and the places and times at which the document can be inspected.

I also request the Council to send a copy of this decision statement to any person who has asked to be notified of the approval of the Local Development Plan.



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