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Dear Mr Walker

SAVED POLICIES

I am writing with reference to your application of 30 September 2008 for a direction under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 in respect of policies in the Alterations Review to the Fylde Borough Local Plan.

The Secretary of State's Direction is attached. Those Alterations Review policies not listed in the Direction will expire on 9 October 2008.

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 (2004 version) and the Department for Communities and Local Government Protocol on saving policies.

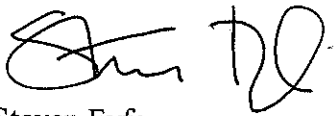
The extension of saved policies listed in this Direction does not indicate that the Secretary of State would endorse these policies if presented to her as new policy. It is intended to ensure continuity in the plan-led system and a stable planning framework locally, and in particular, a continual supply 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 9 October 2008 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

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Steven Fyfe
Head of Local Planning Team

**DIRECTION UNDER PARAGRAPH 1(3) OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE
PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004
POLICIES CONTAINED IN THE ALTERATIONS REVIEW TO THE FYLDE
BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN, ADOPTED OCTOBER 2005**

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

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2 October 2008

SCHEDULE

POLICIES CONTAINED IN THE ALTERATIONS REVIEW TO THE FYLDE

BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN, ADOPTED OCTOBER 2005

POLICIES DIRECTED TO BE SAVED

Policies HL2, HL3, HL4, HL5, HL6, HL7, HL8, and CF2