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QUALITY TOWN COUNCIL

17th May 2012

Dear Lynette,

I am writing in response to your letter of the 4th April, which was referred back to the planning committee for comment.

With regards to the effect that the new National Planning Policy Framework has on the soundness of the core strategy the Council make the following comments:

The core strategy appears to have taken the key elements of sustainability into consideration and in that respect is considered sound.

However, there are concerns with the NPPF itself in its vagueness and presumption in favour of development. The Town Council has concerns that this will lead to more development and more permitted development taking place. Despite the restrictions in the south of the district with the habitat regulations and with restrictions on finance for enforcement, the planning system itself may become ineffective.

Yours sincerely

Jo Ognjanovic
Town Clerk