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Dear Mr. Hughes

### Submission of Draft Plan Strategy

Further to your correspondence dated 22 March 2021 I am writing to advise you of the Department's current position.

The Council submitted its Development Plan Document and other documents to the Department under section 10(1) and 10(3) of the Planning Act 2011 and in doing so the Council has confirmed under Section 10(2) that it has complied with requirements contained in the Regulations and that it considers the development plan document to be ready for Independent Examination.

In considering the requirements of the legislation outlined above, the Department will now cause an independent examination under section 10(4) of the Act by writing to the Planning Appeals Commission. For your information, the letter to the PAC will include a list of the documents contained in the DPD (as provided as part of the Council's submission updated June 2021).

As set out within Development Plan Practice Note (DPPN) 10 and the PAC's 'Procedures for Independent Examination of Local Development Plans' once the Department requests the Commission to conduct the examination, the Council will be expected to make available to the Commission all documents it gave to the Department at submission stage.

Yours sincerely

  
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