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Dear Michael

JOINT LANCASHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK MANAGING OUR WASTE AND NATURAL RESOURCES SUBMISSION OF CORE STRATEGY

In accordance with Regulation 28 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development)(England) Regulations 2004, I have today formally submitted the draft Core Strategy to the Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Development Framework to the Secretary of State for independent examination. This submission is made on behalf of Lancashire County Council, Blackburn with Darwen Council and Blackpool Council.

I am writing to you today **to request your opinion in writing as to the general conformity of the draft Core Strategy enclosed in respect of the Regional Spatial Strategy for the North West**. I understand that the relevant Regulation 30 of the aforementioned Regulations prescribes a period of 6 weeks starting today for you to respond in this respect.

I further understand that, where the Regional Spatial Strategy is being reviewed, you may take account of the strategy's progression through the statutory procedures. In this respect, I should draw your attention to paragraphs 3.7 and 3.8 of the draft Core Strategy that explain that the draft Core Strategy is being prepared alongside the RSS review process and has taken the content of the draft RSS into full account.



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As a statutory consultee to this process, I have also enclosed the following documents, in addition to the Submission draft Core Strategy '*Managing our Waste and Natural Resources*':

- Final Sustainability Report
- Pre-Submission (Regulation 28) Consultation Statement
- notice of the DPD Matters (with details of inspection points)
- Representation Form and explanatory note. Completed representation forms, and any accompanying sheets, should be received by 5pm on Thursday 10 January 2008.

These and all other documents that support the Submission draft Core Strategy can be viewed and downloaded from our website www.lancsmwdf.com or can be requested in paper form by contacting me. These other documents include:

- Statements of Community Involvement for the Joint Authorities
- Local Development Scheme and Annual Monitoring Reports
- Sustainability Appraisal report for Preferred Options
- Issues and Options and Preferred Options documents
- Community Strategies covering the Plan area
- Technical documents, including *Assessment of Waste Management Needs*, *Strategic Waste Issues* and *Strategic Minerals Issues*

This Submission has been advertised in local newspapers across the Plan area, and copies have been placed at inspection points at our main Council Offices, District Council offices and Town Halls, main libraries and information centres. Copies have been sent to all our consultees, including District and Parish Councils, environmental and community groups, the minerals and waste industry and regional and national agencies. A request has been made to the North West Regional Assembly, as Regional Planning Body, as to the conformity of the Submission draft Core Strategy with the North West regional Spatial Strategy.

The Local Development Scheme anticipates that a pre-examination meeting will take place in March 2008 and the examination hearing in April 2008. Achieving these timescales would mean the Inspector's Binding Report would be delivered by October 2008 and adoption of the Core Strategy would follow by February 2009.

Full details of this consultation, and other preparatory work for the Joint Lancashire Minerals and waste Development Framework taking place at the moment or in the near future, can be found on our website www.lancsmwdf.com.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marcus Hudson', written in a cursive style.

Marcus Hudson
For the Joint Plan Authorities