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Dear Tony

RE: Implications of withdrawal of holding letter regarding the adoption of Bradford Core Strategy Development Plan to the progress of the Submitted Bradford City Centre and Shipley and Canal Road Corridor Area Action Plans.

I write further to the letter from Planning Inspector Louise Nurser dated 11 April 2017 with reference to the Bradford Local Plan - Core Strategy Holding Direction.

As you are aware, on Monday 10 October 2016 the Minister of State (Housing and Planning) issued a direction under section 21A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (inserted by section 145(5) of the Housing and Planning Act 2016) to the City of Bradford Metropolitan Council not to take any step in connection with the adoption of the Core Strategy. The Holding Direction was triggered at the request of Philip Davies MP and allows the Minister time to consider the issues raised by him before determining whether to formally intervene under Section 21 of the 2004 Act.

Following consideration of the matters raised by Philip Davies, Gavin Barwell Minister of State (Housing and Planning) has formally withdrawn the holding direction in his letter dated 28 March 2017. This now allows the Council to proceed towards the adoption of the Core Strategy. The Council will look to take the Core Strategy DPD and the Inspectors Report forward for consideration, with recommendation for adoption at a meeting of Full Council on 16 May 2017.

On behalf of the Council, the letter dated 28 March 2017 from Gavin Barwell, Minister of State (Housing and Planning) formally withdrawing the holding direction on the Core Strategy DPD does not have any implications on the progress and contents of the two emerging Area Action Plans for Bradford City Centre and Shipley & Canal Road Corridor.

I would like to emphasise that we would like to continue making good progress with the AAPs for two strategically important regeneration priority areas.

Yours sincerely,



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