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Dear Councillor Roberts

Thank you for your letter of 31 January.

I note your comments and I am grateful that the contents of my letter of the 7 January 2008 have been taken into consideration by the Regional Assembly's Regional Planning Partnership meeting.

I am pleased to note that the Regional Planning Body will constructively engage with the study sharing its views and expertise to ensure that they will be taken into account. I am also pleased to note that you are extending the consultation period to the 30th June 2008 to provide an opportunity for consultees to consider the additional evidence from the study and to take into account the timing of the May local elections and the associated 'Purdah' period.

*Yours sincerely
Kerry Andrews*

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