

25<sup>th</sup> May 2006

Planning and Development Control Division  
Zone 4/H3  
Eland House  
Bressenden Place  
London  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT  
PROCEDURE) (AMENDMENT) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2005**

**SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL REPORT IN RESPECT OF THE STATUTORY  
DEADLINE TO RESPOND TO CONSULTATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE  
WEST MIDLANDS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE PERIOD 2005/2006**

I refer to the Amendment to the above Order and the introduction of Article 11B. This Article requires statutory consultees to report to the Secretary of State on the consultees compliance with section 54(4) of the Planning and Compensation Act 2004 which stipulates a duty to respond to consultations.

We have received confirmation from Shayne Coulson of your Office that the period for reporting up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 only commenced from the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2005. This being the date when the Regional Assembly, as the Regional Planning Body, became a statutory consultee in relation to planning applications of regional significance.

I can report that between the between the dates of 24<sup>th</sup> August 2005 and the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006:

- The Assembly was consulted on 1 occasion by a person other than a Local Planning Authority.
- The Assembly gave a substantive response on 1 occasion to a person other than a Local Planning Authority within the period referred to in section 54(4) of the 2004 Act.
- The Assembly was consulted on 15 occasions by a Local Planning Authority.
- The Assembly gave a substantive response on 15 occasions to a Local Planning Authority within the period referred to in section 54(4) of the 2004 Act.

We are pleased to report that there were no occasions where the Assembly gave a substantive response outside the period referred to in Section 54(4) of the 2004 Act.

Please note we have discounted those consultations that were sent to us by Local Planning Authorities that were subsequently considered to be outside of the criteria the Regional Assembly have prescribed for the purposes of consultation between us.

If you have any queries regarding the contents of this letter then please contact my colleague Tim Williams on 0121 678 1050 or via [t.williams@wmra.gov.uk](mailto:t.williams@wmra.gov.uk)

Yours Sincerely

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