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Dear Nazma,

HOUSING INVESTMENT IN THE REGIONS: SPENDING PRIORITIES 2008-11

I refer to the letter dated 29th March 2007 from Yvette Cooper to Chief Executives of Regional Assemblies. I am replying on behalf of East Midlands Regional Assembly. The attachments to this letter comprise three items, as follows:-

1. A completed pro-forma providing the headline figures requested.
2. A paper containing analysis and evidence relating to how we approached the East Midlands Regional Housing Investment priorities for 2008-11
3. A summary of the responses from our regional consultation on investment priorities, which you may find informative.

The figures provided in the pro-forma are derived from our proposals for the balance of investment. You will wish to note the East Midlands Regional Assembly's commitment to deliver a rising expenditure on affordable homes. This is predicated on our interpretation of the Minister's letter that priority will be given during the spending review to deliver expansion in resources for this provision. Evidence emerging from early work of the National Housing and Planning Advice

Unit suggests there is a growing urgency to meet affordable housing need in the East Midlands.

During our consultation work we have set out for the region's consideration some different scenarios for the structure of housing investment - against potential reductions, stability or growth in overall resources. Figures provided to you in the Pro-forma at this stage, for reasons explained above, relate to the notion of at least a 10% increase in the overall scale of the housing pot. Alongside this, the region would wish to ensure sufficient resources are made available to our Local Authorities to enable them to meet the Decent Homes targets efficiently and effectively, and also to develop the region's housing intelligence base and the capacity of the sub-regions to deliver better services working across administrative boundaries.

I hope this is helpful. If you require further information and any clarification of the content of these documents please do not hesitate to contact me.

Geoff Millner
Acting Head of Housing