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REGIONAL PLAN PARTIAL REVIEW: OPTIONS CONSULTATION

The Regional Plan is the Regional Spatial Strategy for the East Midlands. It sets out a broad, long term development strategy for the region. It identifies the scale and distribution of new housing and priorities for the environment, transport, infrastructure, economic development, agriculture, energy, minerals and waste treatment and disposal. The current version of the Regional Plan was published by the Secretary of the State on the 12 March 2009 and is available at: www.gos.gov.uk/goem/planning/regional-planning/.

The Government requires that a Partial Review of the Regional Plan be undertaken on a limited set of issues relating to housing, transport and climate change. In October 2008, the Assembly consulted on a Project Plan for the Partial Review, along with a range of supporting documentation. I am now writing to consult you on options for the long term development of the Region and to seek your views on a number of related matters.

The consultation document is contained on the enclosed disk, and is also available through the Regional Assembly's website: www.emra.gov.uk/partial-review. The closing date for comments is **Tuesday 6 October 2009**. Also contained on the disk and on the website are a number of supporting documents which provide further information on specific issues.

It would be helpful if you could respond to the consultation via the following website: <http://emra-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>. If you already have given us a valid email address, you should have received an email notification from consultation@limehousesoftware.co.uk with your password and informing you of this consultation. Please log in if you wish to turn off these notifications or contact partial.review@emra.gov.uk if you have any queries. Further details on how to respond are contained on the disk and on the website.

I realise that the disk contains a large amount of information and you may feel that not all of it is relevant to you. However, the Assembly feels strongly that all documentation about the Partial Review should be made available to everyone equally. Please take the time to consider what is enclosed, and respond accordingly. I look forward to hearing from you by **Tuesday 6 October 2009**.

Yours sincerely



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