



17 October 2008

Dear Sir/Madam

EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL PLAN: PARTIAL REVIEW

The Regional Plan is the Regional Spatial Strategy for the East Midlands. It sets out a broad, long term development strategy of 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.

While the current review of the Regional Plan is nearing completion, with consultation on the Secretary of State's Proposed Changes having just ended, the Government has asked the Regional Assembly to undertake a further Partial Review up to the year 2031. I am writing to consult you on the Project Plan for the Partial Review and proposals for public participation, as well as the Draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report and a Habitats Regulations Assessment Pre-Screening Report.

These documents are all contained on the enclosed disk, and are also available through the Regional Assembly's web-site: www.emra.gov.uk. The closing date for comments is **Friday 12 December 2008**. Details of how to respond are contained on the disk and on the web-site. Also contained on the disk and on the web-site are a number of supporting documents covering transport, housing and coastal flooding issues, the latest Regional Plan Annual Monitoring Report and the results of public survey work undertaken on behalf of the Regional Assembly by Ipsos MORI.

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 **Friday 12 December 2008**.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. J. Pritchard".

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