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Sent: 26 May 2010 11:46
To: Simon's Hotmail
Subject: Re: GNDP JCS DPD - Note from Exploratory Meeting
Simon,

Thank you for providing a copy of the letter. In essence the general content is very much in line with my own 'take' on the JCS.

Apart from the specific observations/comments I initially made with respect to the proposed JCS document of November 2009, I see one paramount overriding issue.

In January 2010 a report by the GNDP Directors under the heading of Joint Core Strategy: Recommendation for Submission, stated in the Summary (Item 6); *'Broadland District Council, Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council have previously considered the Joint Core Strategy Proposed Submission Document to be legally compliant and "sound"....Some uncertainty remains.....However, taking account of all the issued raised, delay is not advised.'*

Subsequently, at the full council meetings of South Norfolk Council (22 February 2010), Broadland District Council (25 February) & Norwich City Council (2 March) all 3 agreed that the proposed submission document *'is legally compliant and sound'*. (SNDC unanimously, the other 2 by about a two third majority). Possibly this was on account of the overriding desire to get things associated with the overall development of the area underway and taking into account the GNDP recommendation that 'delay is not advised'.

As your letter highlights there are quite a few items in the JCS that cannot be construed as 'sound' and to me, (and obviously to many others), this was apparent prior to the respective council meetings.

As I see it, as a general forward plan for the area, the JCS is a useful document and has many good points and it would have been more appropriate for it to have presented as such. The fundamental overriding 'mistake' is for the GNDP to have presented it as **'The Document'**, (ie: *'there is no further discretion in the plan making process and a decision to submit is accepting that this is the strategy the councils would wish to adopt'*).

Regards,

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