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Sent: 19 May 2010 12:32
To: 'POServices'
Subject: RE: GNDP JCS Announcement of Exploratory Meeting
Simon,

I'm sure that along with many others who attended last week's Exploratory meeting I wish to thank you for helping organise the event.

I need to raise what I consider to be a serious issue with you which I will hope you will draw to the Inspector's attention.

It will not have gone unnoticed that in response to a specific question posed by Mr. Foster, the GNDP spokesperson replied that there was "no Plan B" in existence in the event that funding for the NDR does not materialise. The GNDP also admitted that in the absence of this road proposal the Joint Core Strategy would have to be significantly revised.

This state of affairs surely proves beyond any reasonable doubt, as expressed in one of my submitted representations, that the GNDP has not properly considered any reasonable alternatives to the proposed preferred strategy, which as we all now know, is entirely dependent for its delivery upon the funding and delivery of the NDR.

In view of this admittance by the GNDP, the current JCS must be found to be fundamentally unsound and I cannot see that a formal examination is needed to come to this conclusion, resulting in further time and public money being expended for no gain.

It is clear from the JCS submission document that had the letter from the Department of Transport dated 8 February 2010, read out at last week's meeting, not been received, the JCS would likely not have been submitted for examination. In that event there is not even an indication of what planning framework would exist to guide future developments within the Norwich Policy Area over the next few years.

Owing to the procedures in place to examine LDFs there will be no opportunity for the appointed Inspectors to examine those proposals that have been submitted for assessment but which have received no consideration by the authorities making up the GNDP. This is both regrettable and a serious omission from the process.

Regards,

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