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Dear David

### Planning Improvement Programme – Planning Committee Visits

I would like to take this opportunity express our sincere thanks to the council Planning Team for their support and positive engagement with the planning improvement team during our recent meeting with your council. We have found the discussions to be very open, honest and constructive, and it is clear there is a strong commitment to delivering meaningful improvements to the planning system. We look forward to working in partnership with your team during the next phase of the planning improvement agenda.

The letter from the Permanent Secretary, Denis McMahon (dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January) set out our intended approach to the next phase of planning improvement. This approach will refocus improvements toward specific areas of action and initiative, which will best support the long-term improvements to the future effectiveness and efficiency of the planning system.

In this context, and as discussed at our meeting, officials are intending to visit the Planning Committee meetings within each council area over the coming months, in an observational capacity. The purpose of this is to better understand the role and function of the Committee in the decision-making process and to explore opportunities to support the role of officers and Members and improve the overall function and effectiveness of the Committee process in the context of the overall planning process.

We look forward to your continued support, co-operation, and collaboration in

delivering planning improvement for everyone.

Yours sincerely



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