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Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP
Secretary of State
Ministry of Housing, Communities
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2 Marsham Street
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4th April 2019

Dear Secretary of State

On 28 January 2019 you wrote to Wirral Council and requested an Action Plan is developed which explained the steps required to completing the Local Plan process for our borough. I am pleased to enclose that Action Plan with this letter.

Wirral Council has been clear from the outset that we are committed to delivering a robust Local Plan which meets the housing needs of our residents. We have also been clear that, in our view, it is our Green Belt which makes Wirral such a special, and attractive, place to live and we are determined to protect this unique character.

I absolutely believe we can do both, and I believe the work we have done in recent months – and our continued ‘brownfield-first’ policy for new development – will help us.

The Action Plan you will find within this correspondence meets every condition you set out in your letter earlier this year.

- It confirms our Lead Councillor and Lead Official in the Local Plan process, as well as clearly articulates the updated and streamlined Governance process we have put in place
- It provides a detailed, robust Action Plan setting out what will be done when as we complete this process. This includes a detailed delivery timetable, which we have discussed at length with colleagues within your Department
- It confirms the Monthly Reporting process and systems which we believe would be appropriate as we continue to work with your Department
- It contains an independent review of our work, which has been completed by the Planning Advisory Service

We have had extremely encouraging discussions with officers in your department regarding potential infrastructure investments to enable us to unlock further sites for residential and other developments and I am keen for those discussions to continue as we continue to work together.

I would like to thank you for the constructive and helpful way the colleagues in your department have worked with our Council. Their input has been invaluable and very much appreciated.

My officers of course remain available for further discussions whenever is most convenient to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phil Davies." The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Councillor Phil Davies