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Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership

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Dear Cllr Edwards

County Strategic Housing Study

Thank you for your letter of 22nd September 2014 regarding the Strategic Housing Study and enclosing a copy of your letter of 5th September to the Council. I understand that I have not responded to your letter as yet. I apologise for this and I am aware of your correspondence. In particular, I am aware of your

I think that the various recent correspondence will have helped to clarify that, whilst the Study was initially commissioned by the CBSLEP, the participation of the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership through the Association of Black Councils has had a direct role in the study.

However, the Partnership does support the Study being undertaken. With the local authorities in the area, we have the view that decisions about where to build new housing will have a significant impact on the future planning and regeneration of the Black Country and its surrounding housing market area. Continuing involvement in the study will allow a greater influence over the

As I understand it, the Study will have a role in helping to inform future reviews of statutory development plans, including the Black Country Core

local authorities, as well as the Partnership, will continue to engage with South Staffordshire on matters of mutual interest.

I further understand that in response to your letter of 20th October, the Black

in comment. I would endorse such a proposal. It would aid discussions not

Black Country and South Staffordshire to review their plans.

I hope this is useful. You might also find it useful to advise the other authority
leaders who signed the letter of 5th September.

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