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Dear Mr Godfrey,

**PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN) (WALES) REGULATIONS 2005  
NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP)**

I enclose the Inspector's report on the soundness of the above Local Development Plan.

Mr Nixon would like to thank Sue Hennah, the Programme Officer, for the highly efficient way in which she organised the administration of the examination and for her patience, calm efficiency, support and good humour throughout the process. Her contribution has proved invaluable in ensuring that the examination has been conducted efficiently and with due regard to the interests of all participants, the majority of whom were unfamiliar with the LDP examination procedure.

The Inspector is also grateful to Mr Sharp and his colleagues for their hard work and the prompt and positive way in which they responded to the Inspector's queries during the examination process and the professional attitude which they displayed during the hearing sessions.

A copy of the report has been sent direct to the Welsh Government.

Yours sincerely

*Anthony Thickett*

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Director for Wales