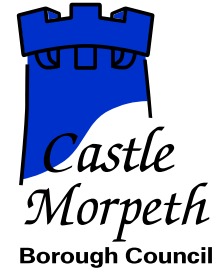


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Dear Steve,

### **CASTLE MORPETH BOROUGH COUNCIL – CORE STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT**

Hugh Edmundson, Planning Services Manager, has asked me to reply to your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008, concerning the anticipated timescale for Independent Examination of Castle Morpeth Borough Councils' LDF Core Strategy Submission Draft document.

Please be advised that the Executive Board of this Council, at their meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2008, agreed that:

- (i) the resolution of the Local Development Framework Working Group held on 19 March 2008 to approve an amendments to the Castle Morpeth Local Development Scheme, Core Strategy (LDD 2), namely that the Core Strategy be produced to submission stage but not progressed further, be endorsed;
- (ii) in terms of the Local Development Framework, work should continue on the evidence base in terms of the Core Strategy, and certain Local Development Documents, and Supplementary Planning Documents, to facilitate and inform planning policy in the new Unitary authority;
- (iii) In approving further amendments to the current LDS, any necessary additional formal consultation which may be required with GONE/PINS be authorised  
*(minute no EBDP201 refers)*

This matter is being dealt with by : **Mike Bisset, Principal Strategic Planning Officer)**  
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We will therefore be seeking approval of our Castle Morpeth LDF Core Strategy Submission Draft document at Full Council to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2008. The Plan will then be “set aside” prior to further consideration by the new Unitary Authority.

I have copied this letter to Caroline Burden and Mary Edwards at Government Office for the North East (GONE) for their information.

Yours sincerely

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Principal Strategic Planning Officer