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Dear Councillor Hinchcliffe

Bradford Core Strategy Development Plan

The Secretary of State has received a request to intervene in the Bradford Core Strategy Development Plan ("the Plan") from Philip Davies, MP for Shipley. The request raises a number of issues including the proposed release of green belt, particularly in Wharfedale, development of green belt before brownfield land is exhausted, the efforts made under the duty to cooperate to meet Bradford's housing need and the appropriate location for development to alleviate housing need and contribute to the regeneration of Bradford city centre.

In respect of the issues identified above, the Secretary of State is considering whether to give a direction to City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council in relation to the Plan under section 21 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Therefore, in exercise of his powers under section 21A of that Act (inserted by section 145(5) of the Housing and Planning Act 2016), the Secretary of State hereby directs City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council not to take any step in connection with the adoption of the Plan, while the issues raised in the letters are considered further.

This direction will remain in force until it is withdrawn by the Secretary of State or the Secretary of State gives a direction under section 21 of the 2004 Act in relation to the Plan.

My officials will be in touch with your officers to discuss next steps and we will keep the Council updated throughout our considerations.

GAVIN BARWELL MP