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Dear Mr Farrant

**EXAMINATION INTO THE SOUNDNESS OF THURROCK BOROUGH
COUNCIL'S CORE STRATEGY AND POLICIES FOR MANAGEMENT OF
DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT**

1. As you know, we were appointed by the Secretary of State to carry out an independent examination of the Thurrock Core Strategy and Policies for Management of Development Development Plan Document, which was submitted on 30 April 2010 under section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
2. Our overall conclusion is that, with the changes recommended in our Report, this DPD satisfies the requirements of Section 20 (5) (a) and (b) of the 2004 Act and the associated 2004 Regulations (as amended), and also meets the soundness criteria set out in Planning Policy Statement 12. Thus, we find that the Thurrock Core Strategy and Policies for Management of Development Development Plan Document has complied with the legal requirements and is sound.
3. The Examination was conducted by way of written exchanges and a series of hearings that were held between 14 – 31 March 2011. We have also considered the representations made following the consultations on the Council's suggested Changes, and the consultation replies on the Government's 2011 Budget planning policy changes and the draft National Planning Policy Framework.
4. Please convey our thanks to all the Council's staff for the work undertaken during the course of the examination. We would also like to record our grateful appreciation to the Programme Officer, Louise St John Howe - her friendliness, organisational skills, efficiency and professionalism ensured that the Examination ran smoothly.
5. We hope that our conclusions and recommendations in the accompanying Report will assist your Council in producing a positive social, economic and

environmental outcome for the people of Thurrock Borough over the next 15 years.

Yours sincerely,

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Inspectors