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Dear Bronwyn

Submission of Draft Regional Spatial Strategy to Government

As you know, the Regional Assembly formally signed off the Draft Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) at the meeting on 10 March, and since then we have refined the document in terms of accuracy, consistency and clarity. I would now like to formally submit an electronic version of the Draft RSS and supporting documents to Government. This consists of the Draft RSS, Implementation Plan, Strategic Sustainability Assessment (incorporating the Strategic Environmental Assessment), and Pre-Submission Consultation Statement.

The submission of the Draft RSS in electronic form complies with section 5 (8) (b) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

The formal publication of the Draft RSS and start of the public consultation is expected to commence in mid-May 2006 and will last for 12 weeks as required by Regulation 13 of the Town and Country Planning (Regional Planning) (England) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004, No. 2203).

In addition, to aid public engagement with the process, we have produced a non technical Executive Summary which we shall be distributing widely in the region. A copy will be forwarded to you for your information but will not form part of the formal submission.

The Assembly is writing separately to the Deputy Prime Minister and other Departments (Treasury/DTI/DfT/DEFRA) regarding the support from Government needed to help deliver the Strategy, particularly in terms of national policy and funding. Copies of these letters will be forwarded to you in due course.



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