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The Chief Executive
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Your Ref:

Our Ref: PINS/F3925/429/4

Date: 22 October 2008

Dear Sir

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004: Town & Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004

West Wiltshire District Council – Leisure and Recreation Development Plan Document

1. As you know, I was appointed by the Secretary of State to carry out an independent examination of your Council's Leisure and Recreation Development Plan Document (DPD) which was submitted on 26 October 2008 under section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, (the 2004 Act).
2. My overall conclusion is that, with the changes recommended in my Report, this DPD satisfies the requirements of Section 20(5)(a) and (b) of the 2004 Act and the associated 2004 Regulations, and meets the tests of soundness set out in Planning Policy Statement 12. Thus, I find the Leisure and Recreation DPD to be **sound**.
3. I held a Pre-Hearing Meeting (PEM) on 23 April 2008. I conducted the Examination by way of written exchanges and also by hearing sessions held between 15 and 18 July 2008 for those who exercised their right to be heard. As the result of extensive suggestions for changes to the submitted DPD put forward by the Council after the end of the hearing sessions a further public consultation period took place between 1 September and 13 October 2008 and I have taken account of the further representations made.
4. With this letter is a copy of my Report on the submitted DPD which contains my recommendations and the reasons for them as required by Section 20(7) of the 2004 Act.
5. May I express my thanks to the Council's staff and those attending the hearing sessions for the helpful, positive and professional manner in which they conducted themselves during the Examination, including arrangements made for



the PHM and the hearing sessions. I would also like to record my gratefulness, and the thanks to my Programme Officer, Ian Kemp. His organisational skills ensured that the entire examination process, including the hearing sessions, ran smoothly and to programme.

6. I hope that my conclusions and recommendations in the accompanying Report will enable the Council to adopt the DPD quickly.

Yours faithfully,

John R Mattocks

Inspector

cc: Government Office for the South West Region