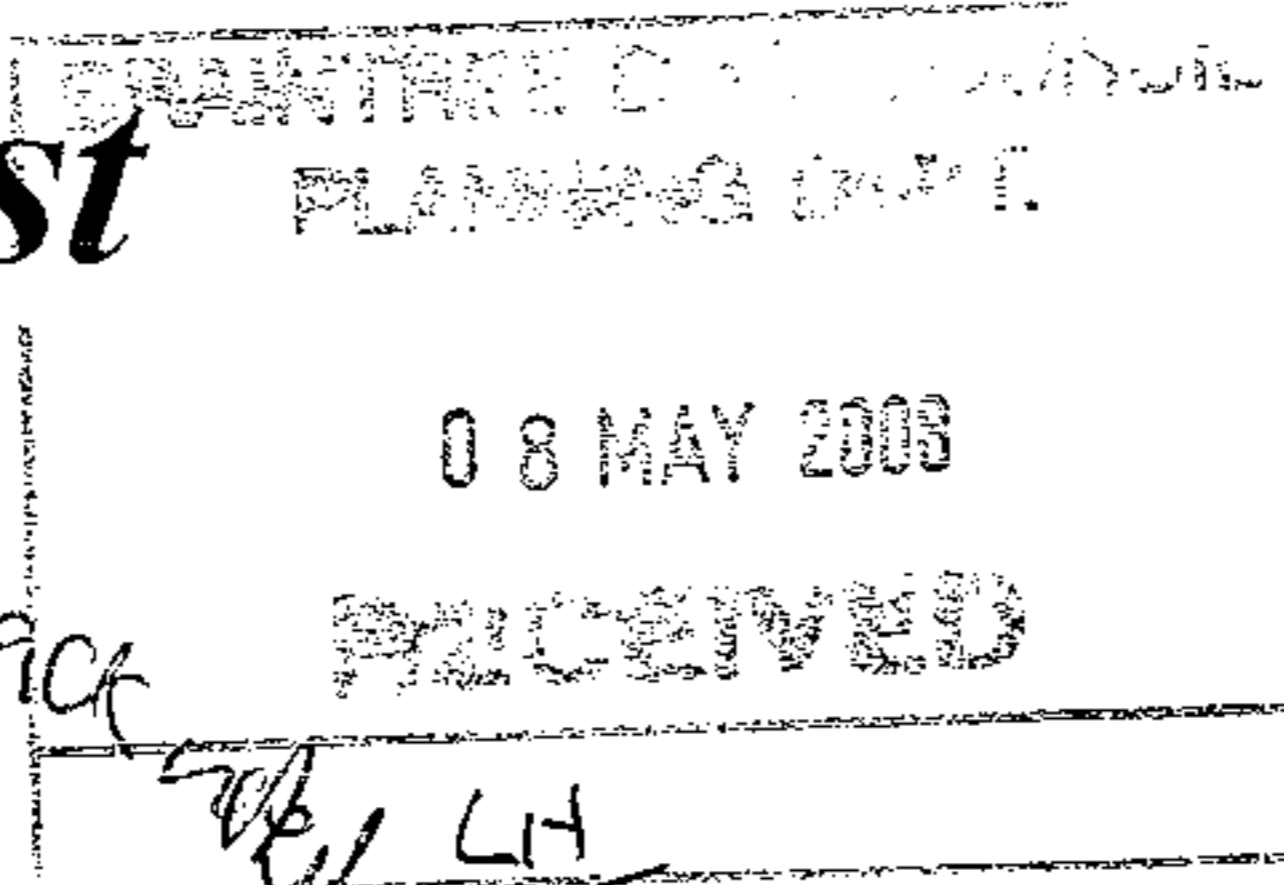


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Dear Ms Dash

## **DIRECTION UNDER PARAGRAPH 1(3) OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004 POLICIES CONTAINED IN THE BRAINTREE LOCAL PLAN**

I am writing with reference to your application of January 2008 applying for a direction under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 in respect of policies in the Braintree District Local Plan.

The Secretary of State's Direction (Schedule 1) is attached. Those policies not listed in the Direction will expire on 24 July 2008.

The Secretary of State's assessment of whether saved policies should be extended is based upon the criteria set out in Planning Policy Statement 12 and the Department for Communities and Local Government Protocol on saving policies. The Secretary of State's decisions have the effect of saving one policy that your authority requested should not be extended. For clarity, the Secretary of State's reasons in this case are set out in the table at the end of this letter.

The extension of saved policies listed in this Direction does not indicate that the Secretary of State would endorse these policies if presented to her as new policy. It is intended to ensure continuity in the plan-led system and a stable planning framework locally, and in particular, a continual supply of land for development.

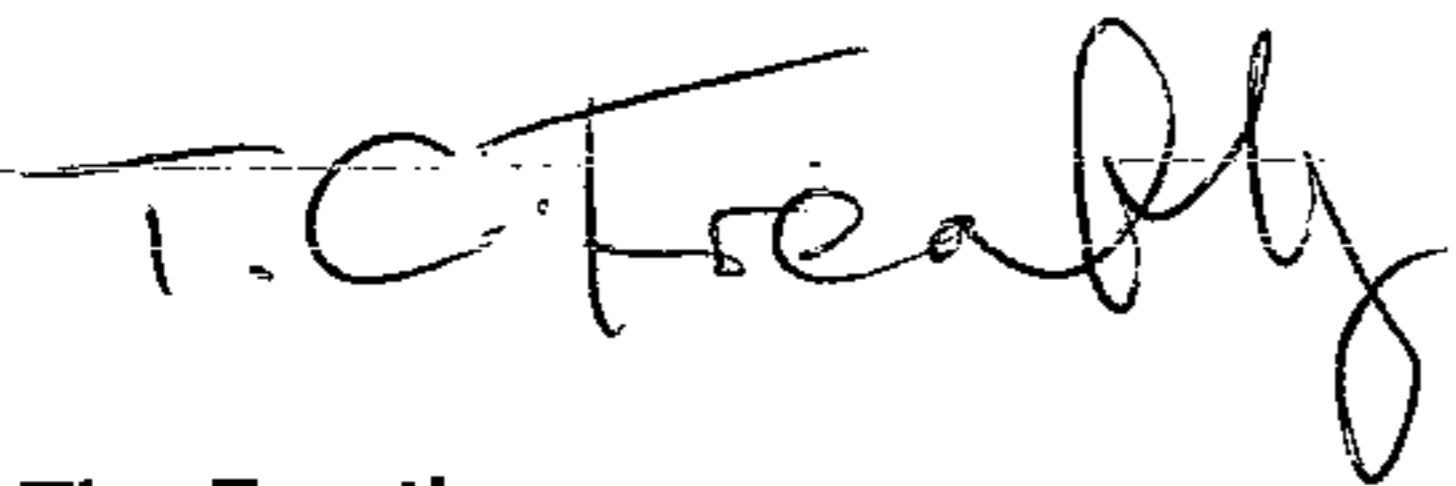
Local planning authorities should not suppose that a regulatory local plan style approach will be supported in forthcoming Development Plan Documents. Authorities should adopt a positive spatial strategy-led approach to DPD preparation and not seek to reintroduce the numerous policies of many local plans.

The exercise of extending saved policies is not an opportunity to delay DPD preparation. Local planning authorities should make good progress with local development frameworks according to the timetables in their local development schemes. Policies have been extended in the expectation that they will be replaced promptly and by fewer policies in DPDs. Maximum use should be made of national and regional policy.

Following 24 July 2008 the extended policies should be read in context. Where policies were adopted some time ago, it is likely that material considerations, in particular the emergence of new national and regional policy and also new evidence, will be afforded considerable weight in decisions.

| Policy Ref                                 | Extended | Reason   |
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| <b>RLP137<br/>Open Space<br/>Standards</b> | √        | Need to maintain policy to avoid policy vacuum until new standards are approved by council |

Signed by the authority of the  
Secretary of State



**Tim Freathy**  
**Acting Deputy Regional Director of Development & Infrastructure**  
**Government Office for the East of England**  
6 May 2008



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**DIRECTION UNDER PARAGRAPH 1(3) OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE  
PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004  
POLICIES CONTAINED IN BRAINTREE LOCAL PLAN**

**ADOPTED 2005**

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in the exercise of the power conferred by paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Act 2004 directs that for the purposes of the policies specified in Schedule 1 to this direction, paragraph 1(2)(a) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 does not apply.

Signed by the authority of the  
Secretary of State

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Freathy', written over a dotted line.

**Tim Freathy**  
**Deputy Regional Director of Development & Infrastructure**  
**Government Office for the East of England**  
**6 May 2008**

## SCHEDULE 1

### POLICIES CONTAINED IN BRAINTREE LOCAL PLAN

ADOPTED 2005

| Policy Number | Policy Subject   |
|---------------|--|
| RLP1          | Housing provision  |
| RLP2          | Town development boundaries and village envelopes                          |
| RLP3          | Development within town development boundaries and village envelopes       |
| RLP4          | Prevention of Town Cramming  |
| RLP5          | Affordable housing in new development                                      |
| RLP6          | Affordable housing in rural areas  |
| RLP7          | Housing and mixed use sites  |
| RLP8          | House types of Housing and Mixed Use Areas                                 |
| RLP9          | Design and layout of housing and mixed use areas                           |
| RLP10         | Residential density  |
| RLP11         | Changes of use affecting residential areas                                 |
| RLP12         | Permanent agricultural dwellings   |
| RLP13         | Temporary agricultural dwellings   |
| RLP14         | Applications for the removal of occupancy conditions                       |
| RLP15         | Replacement of dwellings in the countryside                                |
| RLP16         | Hamlets and small groups of dwellings                                      |
| RLP17         | Extensions and alterations to dwellings in towns and village               |
| RLP18         | Extensions to existing dwellings in the countryside                        |
| RLP19         | Sheltered housing  |
| RLP20         | Residential institutions in towns and villages                             |
| RLP21         | Institutional uses in the countryside                                      |
| RLP22         | Accessible housing and lifetime housing                                    |
| RLP24         | Subdivision of dwellings   |
| RLP25         | Garden extensions within built-up areas                                    |
| RLP26         | Garden extensions in the countryside                                       |
| RLP27         | Location of employment land  |
| RLP28         | Employment land provision  |
| RLP29         | Business Parks   |
| RLP30         | Diversity of industrial and commercial premises                            |
| RLP31         | Design and layout of business parks  |
| RLP32         | Workplace nurseries  |
| RLP33         | Employment policy areas  |
| RLP34         | Buffer areas between industry and housing                                  |
| RLP35         | Non-conforming and un-neighbourly industry                                 |
| RLP36         | Industrial and environmental standards                                     |
| RLP37         | New commercial and industrial activities within existing residential areas |
| RLP38         | Conversion of rural buildings  |
| RLP39         | Expansion of local firms   |
| RLP40         | Minor industrial and commercial development in the countryside             |
| RLP41         | Employment allocation, Springwood Drive, Braintree                         |
| RLP42         | Employment allocation north of Bluebridge Industrial Estate Halstead       |
| RLP44         | Rayne Foundry  |
| RLP45         | Riverside Business Park, Earls Colne                                       |
| RLP46         | Earls Colne Airfield   |

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| RLP47  | Employment allocation Inworth Road, Feering  |
| RLP48  | Comprehensive development area, Kelvedon   |
| RLP49  | Pedestrian networks  |
| RLP50  | Cycleways  |
| RLP51  | Cycle parking  |
| RLP52  | Public transport   |
| RLP53  | Generators of travel demand  |
| RLP54  | Transport assessments  |
| RLP55  | Travel plans   |
| RLP56  | Vehicle parking  |
| RLP58  | Galleys Corner Special Policy Area   |
| RLP59  | Panners Roundabout Special Policy Area   |
| RLP60  | Braintree Branch line improvement  |
| RLP61  | New road schemes   |
| RLP62  | Dev. likely to give rise to pollution, or the risk of pollution                                  |
| RLP63  | Air quality  |
| RLP64  | Contaminated land  |
| RLP65  | External lighting  |
| RLP69  | Sustainable drainage   |
| RLP70  | Water efficiency   |
| RLP71  | Water supply, sewerage and land drainage   |
| RLP72  | Water quality  |
| RLP73  | Waste minimisation   |
| RLP74  | Provision of space for recycling   |
| RLP75  | Waste reprocessing facilities  |
| RLP76  | Renewable energy   |
| RLP77  | Energy efficiency  |
| RLP78  | Countryside  |
| RLP79  | Special landscape areas  |
| RLP80  | Landscape features and habitats  |
| RLP81  | Trees, woodlands, grasslands, and hedgerows  |
| RLP82  | Sites of special scientific interest   |
| RLP83  | Local nature reserves, wildlife sites and regionally important geological/geomorphological sites |
| RLP84  | Protected species  |
| RLP85  | Equestrian facilities  |
| RLP86  | River corridors  |
| RLP87  | Protected lanes  |
| RLP88  | Agricultural land  |
| RLP89  | Agricultural buildings   |
| RLP90  | Layout and design of development   |
| RLP91  | Site appraisal   |
| RLP92  | Accessibility  |
| RLP93  | Public realm   |
| RLP94  | Public art   |
| RLP95  | Preservation and enhancement of conservation areas   |
| RLP96  | Demolition in Conservation Areas   |
| RLP97  | Changes of use in conservation areas   |
| RLP98  | Environmental improvements in conservation areas   |
| RLP99  | Demolition of listed buildings   |
| RLP100 | Alterations and extensions and changes of use to listed buildings and their settings             |
| RLP101 | Listed agricultural buildings  |
| RLP102 | Enabling development   |
| RLP103 | Parks and gardens of special historic interest   |
| RLP104 | Ancient monuments and sites of archaeological importance   |
| RLP105 | Archaeological evaluation  |

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| RLP106 | Archaeological excavation and monitoring                   |
| RLP107 | Outdoor advertisements                                     |
| RLP108 | Fascias and signs in conservation areas                    |
| RLP109 | Illuminated signs in conservation areas                    |
| RLP110 | Retail and town centre development-the sequential approach |
| RLP111 | Retail development   |
| RLP112 | Town centre uses   |
| RLP113 | Shopping areas   |
| RLP114 | Retail frontage policy                                     |
| RLP115 | Accessibility  |
| RLP116 | Upper floors in shopping areas                             |
| RLP117 | Shopfronts in conservation areas                           |
| RLP118 | Retail warehouse development                               |
| RLP119 | Conversions to retail warehouse use                        |
| RLP120 | Braintree town centre improvements                         |
| RLP121 | Land east of Halstead High Street                          |
| RLP122 | Environmental improvements in Halstead                     |
| RLP123 | The Centre, Halstead                                       |
| RLP124 | Environmental improvements in Witham                       |
| RLP125 | Newlands Precinct, Witham                                  |
| RLP126 | Local shopping facilities                                  |
| RLP127 | Additional village shopping                                |
| RLP128 | Maintenance of rural services and facilities               |
| RLP129 | Sports and Leisure facilities                              |
| RLP133 | Golf courses   |
| RLP134 | Sports causing noise or disturbance                        |
| RLP135 | Floodlighting of sports facilities                         |
| RLP136 | Formal recreation policy                                   |
| RLP138 | Provision of open space in new housing development.        |
| RLP137 | Open Space Standards                                       |
| RLP139 | Allotments   |
| RLP140 | River walks,/linear parks and disused railway lines        |
| RLP141 | Informal countryside recreation areas                      |
| RLP142 | Country parks  |
| RLP143 | Touring Caravan and camping sites                          |
| RLP144 | Static caravans, chalets or cabins                         |
| RLP145 | Additional tourist attractions                             |
| RLP146 | Tourist accommodation                                      |
| RLP147 | Hotel policy   |
| RLP148 | Visitor facilities in villages                             |
| RLP149 | Primary school site, Witham                                |
| RLP150 | Educational establishments                                 |
| RLP151 | Protection of community services                           |
| RLP152 | Cemetery extension, Bocking                                |
| RLP153 | Community and village halls                                |
| RLP154 | Community uses site, Coggeshall                            |
| RLP155 | Village hall site, Great Yeldham                           |
| RLP157 | Community uses site, White Colne                           |
| RLP158 | Community uses site, off Maltings Lane, Witham             |
| RLP159 | Community uses Hatfield Hall, Witham                       |
| RLP160 | Local facilities in rural areas                            |
| RLP161 | Utilities development                                      |
| RLP162 | Telecommunications development                             |
| RLP163 | Infrastructure and community facilities                    |
| RLP164 | Environmental impact assessment                            |
| RLP166 | Enforcement  |