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Dear Sir/Madam

PUBLICATION OF STATEMENTS OF CASE, PROOFS OF EVIDENCE AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.

Since the introduction of the Hearings and Inquiries Procedure Rules in October 2007 we have received a lot of feedback concerning the accessibility of statements of case, proofs of evidence and supporting documents.

To address this we are going to run a pilot scheme for six months where we will be publishing all statements of case, proofs of evidence and supporting documents on the Inspectorate's website, (www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk) where we currently publish the start notices and decisions. Whilst the pilot is running we will continue to send out copies of the statements, proofs and summaries only to the parties to Orders. All supporting documents will be sent to the relevant order making authority to put on deposit.

This will be implemented for **all new Orders with the start date of 3 November 2008**. It will not apply to modifications to Orders proposed by Inspectors where the initial start date for the Order is before the 3 November 2008, even if the modification is proposed after that date.

The effectiveness of this initiative will remain under constant scrutiny and in any event will be reviewed at the end of the six month pilot scheme.

The latest updated version of our guidance booklet, *Definitive Map and Public Path Orders in England*, is on our website and is dated November 2008. Please note that as the publication of statements and proofs on our website is only a pilot scheme it has not been referred to in the booklet.

Yours faithfully

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