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Dear James,

The South East Plan – the Regional Spatial Strategy for South East England

I am pleased to announce that today my Rt. Hon. Friend the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has published the final revision of the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for South East England – the South East Plan.

The South East Plan forms part of the statutory development plan for every local authority in the region and sets the framework for the production of Local Development Frameworks and Local Transport Plans. It is the spatial plan for the development of the region, and provides the policy framework for employment, housing, transport and the environment. The South East Plan is crucial to delivering the Government's sustainable communities and growth agenda in the region.

The Regional Spatial Strategy replaces Regional Planning Guidance for the South East (RPG9) which was issued in 2001. It also replaces a number of partial reviews to RPG9 that were carried out since 2001. The single exception is that the Part A Statement of the Milton Keynes and South Midlands Sub-Regional Strategy issued in March 2005 continues to apply. In the event of any conflict, the more recent document will take precedence.

During the Proposed Changes consultation approximately 10,500 comments were made by 6,900 people and organisations. In addition, a 1,700-name petition was submitted.

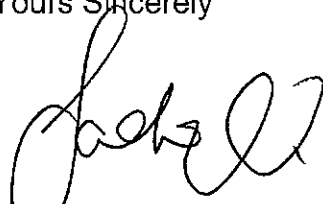
We have considered all of these representations. We have decided that no further major policy changes are required, although amendments and clarifications have been made to various parts of the Plan. The result in terms of housing provision is that 32,700 dwellings are to be planned for annually compared with 33,125 dwellings in the Proposed Changes document and 28,900 in the draft Plan.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank former Regional Assembly members and staff for all their efforts in the production of the Plan.

Copies of the Plan for you and your staff will be sent directly to your office. The documents will also be available for viewing at main libraries and Council offices throughout the South

East. Copies of the RSS are available to purchase from The Stationery Office and all RSS-related documents will also be available via the websites of the Government Office for the South East (www.gos.gov.uk/gose) and Communities and Local Government (www.communities.gov.uk).

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sadiq Khan', written in a cursive style.

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