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Dear Sir/Madam

Regional Spatial Strategy for the South East (The South East Plan) – Publication of the Panel Report

Please find enclosed the Report of the Panel appointed by the Secretary of State to examine the Draft Regional Spatial Strategy for the South East. The draft plan was submitted to Government by the South East England Regional Assembly in March 2006. The Examination in Public was held between November 2006 and March 2007.

The Report, prepared by an independent Panel of Planning Inspectors, was submitted to Government on 6 August 2007 and is being published today for information only. Representations are not invited on its recommendations.

The Secretary of State will consider the Report, along with all the representations previously submitted and aims to publish her proposed changes towards the end of the year. There will then be a twelve week period of public consultation on the proposed changes.

Following consideration of comments and views arising from that consultation, the Secretary of State is expecting to publish the final RSS around Autumn 2008.

The Report is available on the Government Office website <http://www.gose.gov.uk/gose/planning/regionalPlanning> and additional copies in CD format are available free of charge from the Government Office using the contact details above.

Proposed Changes

We are planning for the proposed changes documentation to be published in CD format only, with the exception of inspection copies for Libraries and Local Authority Offices. If you would prefer a hardcopy, please advise us now, using the contact details above.

We hope that you will support this approach which aims to reduce the environmental impact of the plan-making process. We ask that you limit your requests for hard copies to essential use only.

The final RSS will be available to purchase through The Stationary Office and will be available for download free of charge through the Government Office website.

Yours faithfully

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