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Dear Respondent,

Submission of the West of England Joint Spatial Plan

The four West of England Councils - Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol City, North Somerset, and South Gloucestershire have prepared a **West of England Joint Spatial Plan**. The Plan sets out the policies and principles for determining the most appropriate and sustainable locations for future development to meet its **housing, employment and transport needs for the next 20 years, to 2036**. This plan will sit above and guide each council's own Local Plan.

You have previously commented on the Joint Spatial Plan and I am writing to you to let you know the West of England Joint Spatial Plan (JSP) was submitted to the Secretary of State on the 13th April 2018.

The JSP will now be examined for its compliance with statutory requirements and on its soundness. Inspector Mr Malcolm Rivett BA (Hons) MSc MRTPI has been appointed to conduct the examination and determine whether the JSP is sound and legally compliant. He will be assisted by Mr Steven Lee BA (Hons) MA MRTPI.

The two Inspectors will have particular regard to the representations made on the JSP Publication Plan.

Alongside the Plan, a number of evidence base documents were also submitted for Examination including:

- Sustainability Appraisal report



- Proposed changes to the Policies Map
- Engagement and consultation main issues report
- A copy of the representations made in respect of the proposed submission of the JSP Plan.

All submission documents including the representations received on the JSP Publication Plan are available at www.jointplanningwofe.org.uk

Hard copies of the main submission documents are available for public inspection, further details to obtain these documents are available at the bottom of this letter and include:

- [The Joint Spatial Plan: Publication – November 2017](#)
- [Sustainability Appraisal – November 2017 and Addendum – April 2018](#) please note that the appendices associated with this document are available to view online under [submission and evidence papers](#).
- [Statement of Engagement – November 2017](#)
- [Regulation 22 Engagement Report of key issues raised at Regulation 19 consultation – March 2018](#)

A copy of the representations made to the West of England Joint Spatial Plan Publication Document consultation (Regulation 19) are available to view online under [consultation responses](#) - www.jointplanningwofe.org.uk/consult.ti/JSPPublication/listRepresentations

This information is also available to view online at all libraries.

The precise date for the opening of any formal hearing part of the examination into the JSP will be decided by the Inspectors. It is currently anticipated that the hearings will begin in autumn 2018.

The four West of England Councils have appointed Mr Robert Young as the Programme Officer. Mr Young will act as the contact point for any person who has made representations on the JSP Publication Plan, and as a liaison between the Inspectors, the Councils and examination participants.

If you made representations on the JSP Publication Plan, the Programme Officer will be in contact in due course.

If you have any questions, please contact us at info@jointplanningwofe.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

Louise Fradd - Senior Responsible Officer, Joint Spatial Plan

Availability of documents

Unitary Authority

Places where the JSP is available for inspection

Bristol City Council

- City Hall, College Green, Bristol, BS1 5TR.

- One Stop Shop Lewis House, Bath, BA1 1JG

Bath & North East Somerset Council

- The Hollies in Midsomer Norton BA3 2DT

- One Stop Shop, Civic Centre, Keynsham BS31 1FS

North Somerset Council

- Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1UJ

- Castlewood, Tickenham Road, Clevedon BS21 6BD

- One Stop Shop Yate, Kennedy Way BS37 4DQ (access via West Walk)

South Gloucestershire Council

- One Stop Shop Kingswood Civic Centre, High Street, Kingswood BS15 9TR

- One Stop Shop Patchway Hub, Rodway Road, Patchway BS34 5PE.