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Dear Mrs Nelson,

**Cheshire East Council Local Plan: Development Strategy and Policy Principles Consultations: 15th January to 26th February 2013**

As you will be aware, Cheshire East Council has already undertaken a major programme of preparing Town Strategies, to inform the Cheshire East Local Plan. Town Strategy documents have been finalised for Alsager, Congleton, Middlewich, Sandbach and Wilmslow. Draft Town Strategy documents have been prepared and consulted on for the towns of Crewe, Macclesfield, Handforth, Knutsford, Nantwich and Poynton. The Town Strategies are being used as part of the evidence base for preparing the Local Plan.

As part of the Local Plan, Cheshire East Council has now produced a Development Strategy and an Emerging Policy Principles document. **Public consultation will take place on these documents between 15th January and 26th February 2013.**

The documents are supported by a **draft Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment** which will also be available for public consultation.

All of the consultation documents can also be viewed on the Cheshire East web site [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localplan) where comments can be made electronically, using the Council's Consultation Portal.

Cheshire East Council is encouraging as many people as possible to submit their comments online, to save time and money. You have been supplied with a "Guide to Making Comments Online" leaflet which should assist in this process.

Please find enclosed the following documents –

1. Development Strategy document;
2. Emerging Policy Principles document;
3. Development Strategy summary document;

4. Sustainability Appraisal;
5. CD ROM, with Habitats Regulation Assessment on it;
6. 'Guide to Making Comments Online' leaflet (this is the Council's preferred method for receiving responses);
7. Comments forms.

Further information can be obtained from the Cheshire East web site [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localplan) or by e-mail [localplan@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@cheshireeast.gov.uk) or telephone 01270 685893.

Yours faithfully

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