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Dear Mr Rutley,

**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.

Copies of the consultation documents are available, to inspect, in all of the Cheshire East libraries and the Customer Service Points at Delamere House, Crewe and the Town Hall, Macclesfield, along with the Council's offices at Westfields, Sandbach **from 15th January until 26th February 2013**. Comments forms will also be made available at these locations, where boxes will also be available for completed comment forms to be returned.

Printed copies of the **draft Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment** can be inspected at the Customer Service Points at Delamere House, Crewe and the Town Hall, Macclesfield, along with the Council's offices at Westfields, Sandbach.

All of the consultation documents can also be viewed on the Cheshire East web site 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.

Please find enclosed the following documents, for your reference –

1. Development Strategy document;
2. Emerging Policy Principles document;
3. Development Strategy summary document;
4. Frequently Asked Questions sheet;
5. Comments forms.

Further information can be obtained from the Cheshire East web site www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localplan or by e-mail localplan@cheshireeast.gov.uk or telephone 01270 685893.

Yours faithfully

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