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Dear Mr Scowen

**Request for Screening Direction
Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations
2011 as amended
Proposal for Greater Norwich Food Enterprise Zone Local Development Order**

I refer to your letter of 27 February to the National Planning Casework Unit, requesting that the Secretary of State issues a screening direction for proposals at the above location.

As you will be aware the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has discretionary powers under regulation 4(8) of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011 as amended ("the Regulations") to make a screening direction if requested to do so in writing by any person. All such requests are considered on a case by case basis by the Secretary of State.

It is noted that the information submitted requests a screening direction from the Secretary of State following the issuing of a negative screening opinion by Broadland District Council. I understand that this request is made because Broadland District Council is proposing the draft LDO.

I have considered the points you raise in your letter and the content of the details included from Natural England, the Environment Agency, Clare Parry Cornerstone Barristers and those in the Broadland District Council screening opinion. I also note your concerns that the Council are the proposer for the order. However, it is relatively common for local authorities to be the proposer for development and it is for your Council to determine the appropriate processes in these circumstances.

Therefore, having considered the request made, it is also our understanding that the Regulations do not prevent the authority from issuing a revised screening opinion for this order. The Secretary of State does not consider that there are any issues to indicate a need for the Secretary of State to exercise his power under regulation 4(8), and therefore the Secretary of State declines to issue a screening direction in response to your request.

Yours sincerely

Karen Rose

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(With the authority of the Secretary of State)