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Dear Mr Clarke

**RE: REPORT OF PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO THE BELFAST METROPOLITAN AREA PLAN**

At the close of the Public Inquiry in May 2008, the Commission indicated a proposed timescale of early summer 2010 for delivery of the above report. Due to the number of objections and the scope and complexity of the issues they raise, the Commission regrets that it will be unable to deliver its report in accordance with the timescale originally envisaged. The Commission now aims to present its report to the Department by the end of March 2011. I apologise for any inconvenience caused and can assure you that the Commission will continue to prioritise completion of the report.

In addition, as a matter of urgency, I would ask for your response to the Commission's letter of 11<sup>th</sup> June in respect of the status of Green Belt designations in BMAP and other current Area Plans as a result of the publication of Planning Policy Statement 21 on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010.

Copies of this letter and the revised date for delivery of the report will be published on the Commission's website.

Yours sincerely

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