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Dear Deputy Prime Minister,

The North Essex Councils' response to proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Government's consultation in respect of the above. We are pleased to offer constructive comments submitted jointly on behalf of the North Essex Councils which comprise:

- Braintree District Council;
- Chelmsford City Council;
- Colchester City Council;
- Epping Forest District Council;
- Essex County Council;
- Harlow District Council;
- Maldon District Council;
- Tendring District Council; and
- Uttlesford District Council.

Our response to the consultation demonstrates a shared commitment to working together, strategically, to assist the Government in delivering upon its ambition and objectives around economic growth, infrastructure provision and housebuilding. We do however highlight some important practical concerns over specific elements of the proposals which will need to be resolved for the Government is to realistically achieve its ambitions around growth.

We offer constructive advice and suggestions for resolving these practical matters in the spirit of collaboration, coordination and long-term strategic thinking and hope that the Government will consider these suggestions seriously before proceeding to finalise the NPPF.

The Leaders and Chief Executives of the North Essex Councils would be more than happy to discuss these matters with yourself, fellow Ministers, MPs and government officials as necessary.

We would be grateful for confirmation of receipt and we look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully,

North Essex Councils