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Dear all

King's Lynn: Key Centre for Development and Change

I am attaching a report prepared by Dominic Williams of Hewdon Consulting for the West Norfolk Partnership (the Local Strategic Partnership) relating to the sub regional growth status of King's Lynn and its development as a Key Centre for Development and Change. Some of you will have been consulted by Dominic in the preparation of the report.

The rationale for this initial study is a recognition by the West Norfolk Partnership of the crucial role played by the urban area of King's Lynn as the service centre and economic driver of a sub region of some 200,000 people covering western Norfolk, northern Cambridgeshire and southern Lincolnshire. The distance between King's Lynn and the larger cities of Norwich (50 miles), Cambridge (45 miles) and Peterborough (38 miles) means that King's Lynn has services and facilities which are much greater than would normally be found in a town of its size. In recognition of the scale of growth envisaged for King's Lynn and its role as a major service centre, the town has been identified as a Key Centre for Development and Change (KCDC) in the regional spatial strategy

In order to develop King's Lynn as a KCDC, the recommendation in the Hewdon report that we should prepare an outline delivery plan, along the lines of those which CLG has asked New Growth Points to prepare, has been accepted. This will set out the rationale for economic and housing growth, the timescales for statutory planning, the likely housing trajectory, key development opportunities phased to show related infrastructure requirements, prioritised actions and a summary of the investment required to support this. We already have a King's Lynn Urban Development Board in place which has been established to implement the Urban Development Strategy which is in place for the town. This will closely link with the Delivery Plan.

We envisage that this Delivery Plan will be a very important and valuable document. It will provide a framework for our actions at the local level implemented through the Urban Development Board and will support the Local Development Framework process. We will also want to discuss it with you in detail with a view to gaining your support for the sustainable growth of this part of the region.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Norton', written in a cursive style.

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