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Dear Ms Dewar

**Rural West Edinburgh Local Plan Alteration and West Edinburgh Strategic Design Framework**

Thank you for your comments in response to the draft Rural West Edinburgh Local Plan (RWELP) Alteration and the West Edinburgh Strategic Design Framework (WESDF). These will be fully considered prior to these documents being finalised.

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the next stages in the preparation of the RWELP Alteration and the WESDF. You will be aware, from the Participation Statement published with the draft documents, that a West Edinburgh Transport Appraisal (WETA) is being undertaken which will inform the finalised versions of the RWELP Alteration and the WESDF.

For a number of reasons, including the publication of Transport Scotland's Strategic Transport Projects Review and the implications of changing economic circumstances, this work is taking longer to complete than originally envisaged. WETA is now due to be completed in the Summer which means that the target for the finalised versions of RWELP Alteration and the WESDF is Autumn (rather than Spring/Summer 09 as outlined in the Participation Statement). Whilst this delay is regrettable, I am sure you will recognise the importance of having a robust transport appraisal of the proposed uses in West Edinburgh to inform the finalised documents.

In the meantime, work will be undertaken to address the wide range of issues raised in the consultation responses to both draft documents. It is intended that a report will be presented to the Planning Committee on 14 May 2009 providing a summary of the consultation responses received and an update on the transport appraisal and other related work.

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