



Wigan Local Plan Core Strategy

**Sustainability Appraisal
Appendix U – Letter
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Dear Nick

Review of the Wigan Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal

In November 2012, Hyder undertook a critical review of the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) undertaken by Wigan Council for their emerging Wigan Local Plan Core Strategy. The review comprised an independent evaluation of whether the SA has been undertaken correctly in terms of legal requirements (*The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004*) and whether it would withstand legal challenge.

Following the review some amendments were made and given the information made available to us, including commitments to addressing any outstanding recommendations, it is our professional opinion that this SA has been undertaken in the spirit of the Regulations with the desire to make the plan-making process more sustainable. We believe that the legal obligations for the SA/Environmental Report have reasonably been met.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Hourd', written over a horizontal line.

David Hourd
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