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Dear Mark and Adrian,

## **EXAMINATION INTO THE SOUNDNESS OF OXFORD CITY COUNCIL'S CORE STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT**

I am writing to confirm that Inspector David Fenton will no longer be able to continue with the above-named examination as he retires at the end of October 2009. In accordance with section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Inspector Stephen Pratt BA (Hons) MRTPI has now been appointed to conduct the examination to determine whether the Core Strategy Development Plan Document is sound.

The precise date for the re-opening of any formal hearing part of the examination into the Development Plan Document will be determined once the legal decision on the SDA is known. We anticipate that the decision will be issued shortly and once the decision is issued we will expedite any action required. As I explained in our recent telephone conversation we have already ensured that measures are in place to ensure the smooth handover to the new Inspector. Inspector Pratt has already been briefed and will hold any further hearing sessions as a matter of urgency.

The report setting out the Inspector's conclusions on whether the Development Plan Document is sound and recommendations for any changes will be binding and the anticipated date by which the report will be produced will be announced at the last programmed session of the examination.

If you should have any general queries please contact me. My contact details are set out as above.

Yours sincerely

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