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Dear Sir or Madam

Draft Planning Policy Statement: Eco-towns Consultation

I enclose The Co-operative Group's response to the Government's consultation on the draft Planning Policy Statement: Eco-towns (EPPS).

This submission comprises of the main response itself and a number of supplementary reports and documents, which are listed in the Appendix to this letter.


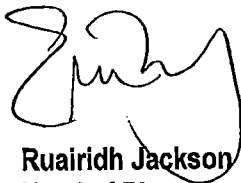
We have not sought to include documents that we have already provided to you as part of your assessment of the scheme but we have included our comment on reports produced by Leicestershire County Council, Leicester City Council, Harborough District Council and Oadby and Wigston Borough Council, as well as reports that they have commissioned and which they have used to assist in the formulation of their responses, namely the Halcrow Pennbury Strategic Assessment and the White Young Green Transport Report.

We have also included summary documents of our proposal and transport strategy, a development time line and further information about the Eco-town for Leicestershire Smarter Choices Transport Company. All of the information enclosed will be published on the Eco-town for Leicestershire website shortly.

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The Co-operative Group looks forward to the timely publication of the Planning Policy Statement and schemes included in the Eco-towns Programme.

Yours faithfully



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Appendix

Consultation Submission Documents

Document 1. The Co-operative Group Response to the draft Planning Policy Statement: Eco-towns Consultation

Document 2. The Co-operative Group Response to Pennbury Strategy Assessment (Halcrow Report)

A detailed response to the Pennbury Strategic Assessment commissioned by Leicestershire County Council, Leicester City Council, Harborough District Council and Oadby and Wigston Borough Council.

Document 3. The Co-operative Group Response to White Young Green Working Paper 2 December 2008 – Public Transport – Review of September 2008 Transport Assessment Bus Proposals

A detailed response to the report commissioned by Leicestershire County Council which comments on the Eco-town for Leicestershire transport assessment work

Document 4. The Co-operative Group Response to Harborough District Council Full Council Report, 24th April 2009

A brief response to the Council's response to the EPPS consultation

Document 5. The Co-operative Group Response to Oadby and Wigston Borough Council Full Council Report, 26th February 2009

A brief response to the Council's response to the EPPS consultation

Document 6. The Co-operative Group Response to Leicester City Council Full Council Report, 26th March 2009 including a response to Leicester City's Five Tests

A brief response to the Council's response to the EPPS consultation

Document 7. The Co-operative Group Response to Leicestershire County Council Scrutiny Panel Report

A response to the findings of Leicestershire County Council's scrutiny commission, which met with a number of stakeholders, including the promoter to interrogate the Eco-town for Leicestershire proposal

Document 8. The Co-operative Group Response to Leicestershire County Council Cabinet Report, 10th February 2009

A response to the County Council's reaction to the Scrutiny Panel Report

Document 9. The Co-operative Group Response to Leicestershire County Council Cabinet Report, 7th April 2009

A response to the County Council's response to the EPPS consultation

Document 10. An Eco-town for Leicestershire Summary

A summary guide which sets out the key elements of the eco-town proposal

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Document 11. The Co-operative Group Transport Report Summary
An information note which summarises the promoter's transport strategy

Document 12. Eco-town for Leicestershire Smarter Choices Company
A report which sets out how the Eco-town Smarter Choices Company will operate

Document 13. Eco-town for Leicestershire consultation responses
Part 1: A collation of all the comments received via the Eco-town for Leicestershire website
Part 2: notes from Eco-town for Leicestershire consultation workshops