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Dear Cllr Blunt

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Thank you for your letter of 15 April following up on our meeting on 12 April in regards to North West Leicestershire Local Plan, which is currently being prepared.

Your letter seeks confirmation that you should not delay your plan unnecessarily. I was pleased to note the progress you have made in producing a Local Plan for your area which you intend to submit for examination in September 2016. We have made clear our expectation that all local planning authorities should have a local plan in place as quickly as possible. Local plans are the primary basis for identifying what development is needed in an area and for deciding where it should go, providing the certainty communities and businesses deserve and I encourage you to continue making progress towards this without delay.

I understand that the Council is in touch with my officials but please keep them updated with progress on your local plan.

**BRANDON LEWIS MP**

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