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Dear Ms England

**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (CONSULTATION) (ENGLAND)
DIRECTION 2009**

**Application for mixed use scheme at Huntington Stadium and land West of
Jockey Lane York. Application Number 11/02581/OUTM**

I refer to your letter of 24 May which related to the referral to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government ("The Secretary of State") an application for planning permission for the above development.

The Secretary of State has carefully considered this case against call-in policy, as set out in the 1999 Caborn Statement. The policy makes it clear that the power to call in a case will only be used very selectively. The Government is committed to give more power to councils and communities to make their own decisions on planning issues, and believes planning decisions should be made at the local level wherever possible. The Secretary of State has carefully considered the impact of the proposal, and the key policy issues of ensuring the vitality of town centres, building a strong, competitive economy, promoting healthy communities and promoting sustainable transport which this case raises. In his opinion, the proposals do not: involve a conflict with national policies on important matters; have significant effects beyond their immediate locality; give rise to substantial regional or national controversy; raise significant architectural and urban design issues; or involve the interests of national security or of Foreign Governments. Nor does he consider that there is any other sufficient reason to call the application in for his own determination. He has therefore decided the application should be determined at local level, and has not called it in.

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The Article 25 Direction issued pursuant to the Secretary of State's letter of 12 June is hereby withdrawn.

Yours sincerely

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