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Dear John

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**PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004 - TOWN AND COUNTRY
PLANNING (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2004 (AS AMENDED
2008)
LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY – REGULATION 27 (PRE-SUBMISSION)
CONSULTATION ON CORE STRATEGY**

1. I refer to your letter giving notice of the proposed submission of Hackney's Core Strategy DPD to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, which the Government Office for London (GOL) received on 4 July 2009.
2. The Secretary of State's formal representations regarding the soundness of these development plan documents is given below. These representations, which are set out under the headings of the PPS12 tests of soundness, can be considered as our written representations, unless the examining Inspector considers there to be merit in the Government Office participating at the oral examination. From the documentation that we have seen, we consider that there are some critical soundness issues and these are made clear in the representations below. Where possible, we suggest how any concerns may be overcome.

Justified

(a) Is the Plan founded on a robust and credible evidence base;

3. As you know, PPS12 paragraph 4.37 states that evidence gathered should be proportionate, relevant and up-to-date as practicable, having regard to what may have changed since the evidence was collected. Paragraph 1.10 of the Core Strategy states that there is a robust evidence base to back it up and that this available on the Council's website. However, no cross references have been made