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**The Town and Country Planning (Consultation) (England) Direction 2009
Outline application for residential development – Field Farm, Stapleford**

I am writing to let you know that the Secretary of State has today called-in for his own determination a planning application by W Westerman Ltd for residential development on land known as Field Farm, Ilkeston Road, Stapleford, Nottinghamshire.

The Government's policy on call ins is to be very selective. It is right that in almost all cases the initial decision on whether the application should proceed should be taken by the local planning authority. In general, planning applications are only called-in if planning issues of more than local importance are involved.

The Secretary of State has indicated, however, that there are occasions when it is right for him to decide the issue, normally following a public inquiry. I am enclosing a copy of a letter that the National Planning Casework Unit has sent to Broxtowe Borough Council. This explains the reasons for the Secretary of State's decision and indicates the issues on which he wishes to be informed for the purposes of his consideration of the application.

Arrangements for the public inquiry will be made shortly and the details advertised locally nearer the time. I will ensure that you are informed of the Secretary of State's decision on the application in due course.

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