



Department for  
Communities and  
Local Government

The Chief Planning Officer  
Local Authorities in England

Date: 25 September 2012

Dear Colleague

**COMPULSORY PURCHASE AND LAND DISPOSAL WORK**

I wrote to you on 11 April 2012 setting out the arrangements for the transfer of compulsory purchase and land disposal work from the National Unit for Land Acquisition and Disposal (NULAD) based in London to the National Planning Casework Unit (NPCU) based in Birmingham.

From 1 May 2012 all new compulsory purchase and land disposal work has been dealt with by the NPCU. From 1 October all existing cases will be transferred to the NPCU and subsequently dealt with by that Unit.

From 1 October would you please ensure that all future correspondence on both new and existing work is addressed to:

National Planning Casework Unit  
5 St Philip's Place  
Colmore Row  
Birmingham  
B3 2PW

Enquiry Number: 0303 444 8050  
Email: [npcu@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:npcu@communities.gsi.gov.uk)

Further information about the Unit and links to my earlier letter can be accessed via DCLG website at

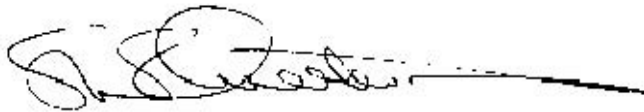
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/lettertransfercasework>

The principal case types referred to are:

- (a) Planning, Housing and other Compulsory Purchase Orders for which the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government is the confirming authority;
- (b) Exchange Land Certificate Applications under Section 19 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981;
- (c) Disposal of land at less than best consideration (by Local Authorities) under Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 and Section 223 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990;
- (d) Approvals under Schedule 2 to the Housing Act 1985.

I would be grateful if you would cascade this information as widely as possible with colleagues.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Quartermain', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

STEVE QUARTERMAIN  
*Chief Planner*