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I have received a letter from Fiona Marshall, Chief Executive of Maldon District Council, requesting that I exercise the powers of intervention under section 21 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 in respect of the Maldon District Council Local Development Plan.

Having considered these representations carefully, I note the Council's concerns in relation to the approach taken by the Planning Inspector and I wish to test whether the inspector has reached a proportionate and balanced view on the Local Plan as a whole in the light of national planning policy.

Accordingly, in exercise of the powers under section 21(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, I hereby direct that the Maldon District Council Local Development Plan is submitted to the Secretary of State for approval.

THE RT HON GREG CLARK MP