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*Dear Sir Michael*

### **ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL ADDRESS REGISTER**

Thank you for your letter of 8 July to the Rt Hon John Healey MP. Your letter has been passed to me for reply.

As you note, this Department concluded in June 2007 that it would not carry out any further work on a National Spatial Address Infrastructure. This position has not changed.

I am pleased that ONS has made good progress to ensure a high quality address register for the census. It will be important to consider what long term lessons can be learned from this work. As you say, the potential uses of an address register do of course go much wider than purely statistical applications.

I also note that the Improvement and Development Agency, who are supportive of a single national address register, are now discussing this with Ordnance Survey. This matter is being led at the most senior level in these organisations and discussions are due to conclude by October this year. We will, together with Cabinet Office, take stock in the light of these positive developments.

I am copying to Angela Smith MP, Minister of State at the Cabinet Office; Phil Woolas MP, Minister of State for Borders and Immigration; Sarah McCarthy-Fry MP, Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury; Ian Pearson MP, Economic Secretary to the Treasury; and Tony Wright MP, Chair of the Public Administration Select Committee.

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*Yours Sincerely*  
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