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*Dear Michael,*

**THE PLACE SURVEY**

Thank you for your letter of 25 May to the Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP. I have been asked to reply.

We were pleased to receive your endorsement of our decision in 2010 to discontinue the Place Survey on the grounds of changed priorities and our requirement to make cost savings.

We agree with your suggestion that there would be benefit in publishing the results of the public consultation that preceded our decision, along with our assessment of the lessons learnt. I have asked officials to set this in train.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "Grant Shapps".

**GRANT SHAPPS MP**

*Thanks very much  
for your letter.*