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Dear Mr. Flowers,

**Re: City of Ottawa Official Plan Amendment 180  
OMB Case No. PL170983**

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We are in receipt of your correspondence dated November 28, 2017, wherein you request certain information and material from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs ("Ministry") relating to the Ministry's decision to modify and approve City of Ottawa Official Plan Amendment 180 ("180"). You have requested this information prior to the first Pre-Hearing Conference which is scheduled to be held on January 3, 2018.

Although such requests are normally done as part of the evidentiary exchange process conducted prior to a hearing, we are nonetheless able to provide you information in response to your letter of November 28, 2017. This information is provided without prejudice to any arguments the Ministry may make relating to your clients' request as contained in its letter of November 28, or other future request(s) that your clients may make of the Ministry.

Response to Request for Information

We can advise that Dan Ethier, planner with the Municipal Services Office (East) is responsible for planning matters relating to the City of Ottawa, including OPA 180. Mr. Ethier received a copy of the IBI Group Memo on June 5, 2017 and spoke by telephone after reading the document with Mr. Bruce Finlay, planner with the City of Ottawa, regarding the IBI Group Memo. We understand that Mr. Ethier did not take notes during his discussion with Mr. Finlay. Moreover, Mr. Ethier did not have any discussions

regarding the IBI Group Memo with outside third parties, or with other provincial ministries.

We understand from the notices of appeal that one of your clients' issues appears to relate to the City's failure to expand the urban boundary and villages to accommodate growth to 2036 indicating that there is a shortfall of either 440 or 525 hectares to accommodate residential needs.

As you are aware, the City of Ottawa's "Vacant Urban Residential Land Supply: 2015 Update" study indicated sufficient land was available within the existing urban boundary to accommodate residential growth to approximately 2039. A subsequent study, "Growth Projections for Ottawa: Prospects for Population, Housing, Employment and Land, 2014-2036 (November 2016)" and an addendum thereto indicated there was sufficient land supply to accommodate the projected population to 2036. The Ministry reviewed the above studies in conjunction with the IBI Group Memo. No modification was made to the future projected population growth to 2036, which is the planning horizon for OPA 180.

We can advise the Ministry will not be participating in the adjudication of this issue.

We are providing a copy of the Ministry staff report dated July 14, 2017 that makes reference to the above issue for your information.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss further.

Yours truly,



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