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**Victor Brownlees,**

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Clerk and Chief Executive

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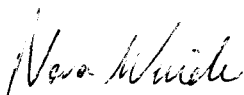
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Dear Ms Gillespie

**PROPOSALS FOR A DRAFT ORDER IN COUNCIL : THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES REFORM  
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2007  
PROPOSED ABOLITION OF NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL**

I refer to the above consultation document and more specifically the section regarding the abolition of the Northern Ireland Housing Council and would advise that at the Public Services Scrutiny Committee meeting held on Monday 12 March 2007 the Council re-iterated its support for the retention of the Housing Council and its concern that, as a consequence, there would be a lack of representation from elected representatives on the Board of the Housing Executive.

Yours sincerely



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