

*Appendix 2 - proposed response:*

*Invitation to produce Strategic Development Plans*

*We refer to your letter of 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 regarding the above matter and invitation for proposals to be brought forward to prepare Strategic Development Plans.*

*Your letter was discussed Flintshire County Council's Cabinet on \* March 2018 and their view is recorded below*

*Flintshire recognises the value in the production of a Strategic Development Plan for the North Wales region and feel that it could support the delivery of the aims of the North Wales Growth Board. However, Flintshire has two reservations in relation to SDP production:*

- 1. The SDP should not be produced at the detriment of progress on Local Development Plans. The primary objective should be to get full LDP coverage across the region before advancing SDP preparation. The planning policy resource of FCC are fully committed to the production of our LDP in accordance with our Delivery Agreement and this progress should not be compromised by the diversion of staff time on to the SDP.*
- 2. The decision to advance the preparation of a SDP for North Wales should be taken as part of a wider debate on how the planning and regulatory functions of the North Wales authorities will be delivered over the next five years. It would be inappropriate to advance the SDP in isolation from a discussion around these wider issues.*

*Flintshire would welcome a broader debate with your officials to discuss not only the production of a Strategic Development Plan for North Wales but also our views on how planning services should be delivered across the region in the medium term.*