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Dear Ms Jones-Hughes,

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Fareham Development Sites & Policies Plan – Proposed Changes to Policy DSP7 – Infilling and change of use to garden land outside settlement boundaries

### Comments submitted on behalf of Mr and Mrs A Coombs and Mr & Mrs H Kendall

Please find set out below the comments of our clients on the Council's proposed changes to Policy DSP7 in relation to frontage infill outside settlement boundaries and to the change of use of countryside land to garden land outside settlement boundaries.

## 1. Frontage Infill Outside of Settlement Boundaries

## a) Support

Our clients welcome the introduction of the proposed frontage infill policy for areas outside of defined settlement boundaries. This provides some additional scope for small scale housing development outside the main urban areas.

#### b) Objection

Our clients maintain their objection to the omission of Burridge from the settlements which have defined settlement boundaries. The existing road frontages in Burridge are essentially already fully developed and so the proposed new infilling policy will not really provide opportunities for infilling development in the settlement.

Our clients consider that Burridge requires a settlement boundary to be defined around it which enables some further small-scale development on land to the rear of the existing frontages on Botley Road in order to provide opportunities for people to live in the village. This would include opportunities for existing residents to 'down size' from their existing homes to smaller, purpose built homes more suitable for elderly people to live in and stay within the area where they have strong community connections.



## 2. Change of use to garden land outside settlement boundaries

# a) Support:

Our clients welcome the proposed change to Policy DSP7 to allow some change of use to garden land in areas outside of the defined urban settlement boundaries. The proposed conditions to be met (I – iii) are much more appropriate than the existing policy wording, which requires an environmental benefit to be demonstrated before planning permission would be granted.

If you have any queries about these comments, please contact me.

The comments are being e-mailed to you today and will also be posted tonight (next day delivery before 9am). It would be helpful if you could confirm that you have received these comments.

Yours sincerely,

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Alison Wood Policy Planner

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