

MH/cg/HP13023

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Dear Ms Jones-Hughes

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE FAREHAM LOCAL PLAN PART 2 ISSUE 4: EMPLOYMENT (INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT SITE BRIEFS) (DSP17-DSP19) WRITTEN STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO INSPECTOR'S QUESTIONS

I refer to the above matter and confirm that I am included in the list of potential participants on behalf of my client, Mr Graham Moyse, at the Hearing Session due to take place on Wednesday 12 November 2014 for Issue 4 of the Independent Examination of the Local Plan Part 2: Development Sites and Policies

I wish to reserve my right to participate at this Hearing Session on behalf of my client, however, I also set out below our response to the relevant Inspector's question set out in the 'Issues and Questions' document dated September 2014.

I confirm that our previous written submission (dated 11 April 2014) relating to the Publication Version of the Local Plan Part 2 remains valid and request that the comments below are read in conjunction with our previous statement.

## Inspector's Question 4.9

My client continues to be supportive of the allocation of new employment land with the Local Plan Part 2, under Policy DSP18. However, as set out in our previous statement dated 11 April 2014, we remain of the view that there is a need to identify additional employment land within Fareham Borough in order to

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ensure that there are sufficient jobs to support the anticipated increase in population identified in the PUSH SHMA (January 2014), as well as ensuring that the Local Plan Part 2 reflects the ongoing improvements to the general economy.

Further to the above, and for the reasons set out in our original submission, I confirm that my client's land to the north of Junction 11 of the M27 is immediately available to come forward for employment development to meet the predicted future needs of Fareham Borough.

I confirm that to date my client's site has not been subject to any sustainability appraisal or public consultation but we request that the land should be assessed in this regard as part of the preparation of the Local Plan Part 2 to confirm its suitability for employment development. As previously submitted, my client's site is conveniently located adjacent to Junction 11 of the M27 and is therefore well-connected to the strategic road network, which is essential for employment land to be attractive to the market. The site also adjoins existing employment development in this location.

I trust that the above comments are of assistance and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me via the details below or otherwise by email at <a href="mailto:martin.hawthorne@wyg.com">martin.hawthorne@wyg.com</a>.

Yours sincerely

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