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Response to the Submitted Main Modifications post the Examination in Public (EiP) consultation for the Fareham Local Plan Part 3 –

MM1

The modification specifically the last paragraph of the modification **has made both LP3 & LP2 unsound** as the council have committed in 2016 to review comprehensively the Core Strategy, Development sites and Policies and the Welborne Plan and amalgamate them “to form 1 local plan”.

This commitment to amalgamate the local plans before “either” individually have been found sound would seem to call into question any and all evidence previously submitted by the council in their duty to co-operate and clearly shows there was never any intention of Welborne being a stand alone, self contained new town development.

At the EIP for LP3 on 15/10/2015 issue-5, the inspector and other attendees asked direct questions to the council about the relationship between LP3, LP2 and the CS, defining the exact relationship between LP2 to LP3 and the actual need for 2 separate plans.

The council officials rigorously defended the need for 2 separate plans as Welborne was to be a self contained new town / development and was not part of Farehams other developments. The ‘political issue’ was also raised about the way that Welborne had always been sold by the Council to the residents of Fareham as a new self-contained eco-Town. i.e.

<http://www.portsmouth.co.uk/news/politics/welborne-what-is-it-and-what-will-it-be-like-1-5159413> even the adjoining MP refers to it as a new town

<http://www.georgehollingbery.com/welborne>

Therefore the reference in MM1 to amalgamate all the plans has now proved the councils evidence as to why there has to be 2 separate plans given at both EIP’s to be misleading, disingenuous, flawed and therefore inadmissible and calls into question the validity of the councils submission in the examination library as evidence SD*05 Regulation-22 consultation statement.

Ultimately MM1, the amalgamation of all the local plans in to just 1 plan, calls into question the soundness of council to have 2 separate local plans under examination when it is **now policy in LP3 to amalgamate it with LP2.**

The planned amalgamation of the local plans has clearly made **LP3 unsound** as Welborne is to be just a simple urban extension and should already be part of LP2.