JOINT LANDOWNER STATEMENT FOR THE STANDING CONFERENCE (11TH June 2015)

This statement has been prepared jointly by Buckland Development Ltd and BST Warehouses to provide members of the Standing Conference with an update of our planning application timetable.

At our last presentation to the Standing Conference in December 2014, we had been preparing for the potential to submit our planning application by the end of May 2015. This was subject to the outcome of the EIP and the Inspectors report which we had initially hoped would be published early in 2015. However, the Inspector requested a series of modifications to the Welborne Plan which required public consultation. As we all know, the Inspectors report was finally published on 12th May 2015 finding the Welborne Plan sound and this has now been formally adopted.

In the meantime, BST and BDL have continued to work together on the joint masterplan and infrastructure delivery in response to the Welborne Plan. Our respective teams have been collaborating to ensure a cohesive and integrated approach to the planning application process. Given the delay in the Inspectors report, we have had to review our original timetable and all associated work required by our teams. We now anticipate submitting our planning application within 6 months of agreeing the structuring plan with Fareham Borough Council. We are well advanced in developing our structuring plan and would hope to reach agreement with the Council soon.

Assuming that an application on this scale will take approx. 6 months for the Council to determine, we are already starting to prepare details for the first phase or phases of development so that they can be submitted for approval as soon as the Outilne Planning Application is approved. We are working to a programme assuming an initial start on site during the end of 2016/ start of 2017 - this will allow for a series of public information and consultations events leading up to the Outline Planning Application and thereafter.