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Dear Ms Morton

### **Council's Schedule of Modifications**

Further to the representations previously submitted on behalf of Fareham Borough Council, please find below comments in response to Winchester City Council's Schedule of Modifications.

#### Policy SH3 - Strategic Housing Allocation - North Whiteley

The new paragraphs inserted are paragraphs of supporting text moved from earlier in the plan to before the policy SH3. These have minor amendments and additions to add the phrase 'once it is completed' to reference regarding the Solent Disturbance and Mitigation Project, and to replace 'To' with 'development'.

There are additions to the policy itself to provide reference to the Infrastructure Delivery Summary at Appendix E, to include a bullet point regarding the need to avoid harmful impact on water resources, a bullet point on the need to provide a fully integrated Sustainable Drainage System and a bullet point on the need to assess the potential for prior mineral extraction prior to commencement of development.

Whilst the new bullet point regarding the requirement for a fully integrated Sustainable Drainage System is supported by the Borough Council it only addresses one of the Borough Council's points of concern regarding the Strategic Housing Allocation at North Whiteley.

New explanatory text has been added after the policy which refers to a number of technical studies completed and various community engagement exercises having been undertaken prior to the submission of a planning application; however the Borough Council has not been appraised of the studies such that an understanding or co-operation can be reached with regard to the effects on the roads and other infrastructure and the communities within the adjoining areas of Fareham Borough and their mitigation measures.

Although the new explanatory text acknowledges the need for a range of transport related infrastructure and that this is yet to be determined in detail through a full transport assessment does not allay the concerns of the Borough Council as already conveyed in this respect.

Whilst the additional text now acknowledges that due to shortfalls in both primary and secondary education locally these facilities should be brought forward at the earliest opportunity, this is not made explicit in the policy. Neither is the issue of the timing of the new roads which are needed to provide access to the schools addressed through the policy.

The Borough Council's concerns as expressed in the submitted representations therefore remain with respect to North Whiteley.

#### Policy SH4 - North Fareham SDA

There are no changes made to policy SH4, only some new text after the policy to refer to the fact that Fareham Borough Council is preparing the Area Action Plan. Whilst there is a change to the Proposals Map for Knowle to correct the site boundary, allegedly to show the correct gap, the amendment does not address the Borough Council's concerns regarding the water treatment facility at Knowle. The Borough Council's concerns as expressed in the submitted representations regarding the area for green infrastructure and the need to exclude land in the vicinity of the water treatment facility from the gap therefore remain.

#### Policy CP18 - Settlement Gaps

The addition of words in paragraph 7.44 to clarify that the Area Action Plan relates to land within Fareham Borough and the open land associated with policy SH4 is within Winchester District doesn't change the Borough Council's objection as the policy has not been amended to address the possible expansion of the water treatment facility at Knowle.

Yours sincerely

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