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Dear

<u>Submission of Winchester District Local Plan Part 1 – Joint Core Strategy</u> <u>Regulation 22: Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations</u> <u>2012</u>

Winchester City Council and the South Downs National Park Authority have together submitted the Winchester District Local Plan Part 1 – Joint Core Strategy to the Secretary of State on the 18 June 2012. A statement of the availability of the Local Plan Part 1 and a series of supporting documents, which will include a Schedule of Modifications, is attached.

The Submission Local Plan Part 1 is not published for consultation, but will now be considered alongside the comments made on the Pre-Submission version by an independent Planning Inspector through the Examination process. Information on the Examination dates and location will be posted on our website when available.

The Inspector will decide which matters he/she wishes to examine and who will be invited to appear at the Examination hearings. A Programme Officer has been appointed to assist the Inspector and will contact those invited to participate in the hearing sessions of the Examination. However, anyone can attend and observe the hearing sessions. Any communication from or with the Planning Inspector and regarding the hearing sessions will be dealt with by the independent Programme Officer. The Programme Officer is Rosemary Morton and her contact details are:

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If you commented on the Pre-submission Local Plan Part 1 earlier this year and wish to update your comments either in light of the Council's Schedule of Modifications, or the publication of the National Planning Policy Framework, you may do so either in writing or by email via the Programme Officer. Updates to your comments <u>must be received</u> <u>by midday on the 30 July 2012</u> and will be passed on to the Planning Inspector appointed to hold the Examination.

Following the Examination, the Planning Inspector will recommend whether the Local Plan Part 1 meets the legal compliance tests and is 'sound' and can therefore proceed to the final stage: the Adoption of the Local Plan Part 1 - Joint Core Strategy.

If you have any queries regarding the Local Plan Part 1 or the consultation, you can email the Strategic Planning Team on <u>ldf@winchester.gov.uk</u> or telephone the Customer Service Team on 01962 840 222. To view the Submission documents and for further information, please visit our website: <u>http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-plan-part-1/submission/</u>

Yours faithfully

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