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Dear Mr. Opacic,

WINCHESTER DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN PART 1 - JOINT CORE STRATEGY (SUBMISSION)

We write on behalf of clients of Barton Willmore in respect of Winchester City Council's Submission Local Plan Part 1 and accompanying documentation. We note that Background Paper 1 (Housing Provision, Distribution and Delivery) provides an assessment and analysis of Barton Willmore's representations regarding the housing shortfall in the district against local and sub regional economic objectives and requirements.

In order to assist the Inspector's consideration of the Local Plan, we intend to make an essential contribution to the Public Examination process by attending sessions covering the following Matters: Strategy / Vision / Sustainability (Policy DS1); Economy / Employment / Retail (Policies CP8, CP9); and Housing (Policies CP1, SH1). This will include a response to the points the LPA raises in its Background Paper 1 in respect of Barton Willmore's *Winchester District-wide Housing Assessment* undertaken using our *Open House Local Housing Toolkit*.

We have significant concerns that all references to a target for job growth / numbers have been proposed for deletion by the Council in its Schedule of Modifications and that the LPA has resisted PINS advice (Advisory Meeting with PINS, June 2012) to refer in key strategic policies to the amount of employment growth planned and how this will be delivered.

If you wish to discuss these matters in advance of the Public Examination, we would be delighted to meet with you.

Yours sincerely,

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cc. PINS via Ms. R. Morton, Programme Officer

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