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29th July 2012.

Dear Madam,

MY REF. No. 3202

I wish to make the following comments in the light of the Council's Schedule of Modifications:-

With reference to the undermentioned paragraphs of the Modifications:-

para.3.3 "we care about our history, heritage and setting"
para 3.4 "the aim is to improve transport, infrastructure and air quality"
para 3.5 "Create a green and environmentally friendly city"
para 3.6 "the Spatial Vision isRespecting the town's special
heritage and setting"

These statements are contradictory, incompatible and hypocritical when set alongside the hugely expansionist Policies of:-

WT1, para 3.7 that provides for 4000 new homes in the period 2011 to 2031;
WT3. 3.12 which states:- "The site at Barton Farm is considered the most appropriate and sustainable (for 2000 dwellings)," and the equally damaging Policy WT 3 (3.3 to 3.6) which labels Bushfield Camp as an Opportunity Site.

WT1 and WT3 would destroy two of the green wedges, which are such vital factors in giving Winchester its very special heritage and setting. Winchester cannot retain its unique heritage and setting and at the same time accommodate the additional population, traffic and enormous burden that such massive development would inflict on the infrastructure of the City.

It is essential that windfall sites, empty homes and potential additions to the number of Council Houses are included in any future calculations of housing requirements. The significance of the slight downward projection in the recent Census and the implications of the current dire economic situation must be taken into account.

I wish to emphasise my full support for the submissions of The Save Barton Farm Group and Winchester City Residents Association, both organisations of which I am a member. I also endorse, fully, the submission by CPRE Hampshire.

Yours faithfully
Maurice K. Charrett.

