



# ENGLISH HERITAGE

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Dear Ms Nell,

### **Submission of Winchester District Local Plan Part 1 – Joint Core Strategy Policy CP20**

Thank you for your series of e-mails regarding my outstanding concerns about Policy CP20 of the Joint Core Strategy as set out in my letter of 26<sup>th</sup> July.

As you are aware, my concern was that Policy CP20 did not go far enough to actively deliver the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment in Winchester district. I suggested that other positive, proactive measures could be included in Policy CP20 and, as an example, I mentioned a commitment to conservation area appraisals and management plans.

I am very pleased therefore that the City Council is suggesting further modifications to Policy CP20 and its supporting text to address my concerns. My understanding is that, following our discussions, the City Council is now proposing the following amended text and Policy CP20:

#### Text

In this regard, the Local Planning Authority has and will continue to undertake a **proactive approach to the conservation and enhancement of the District's historic environment**. **This approach will include the production of** a programme of Conservation Area appraisals **and management plans**, **and any other** necessary studies and strategies to support the protection, maintenance and enhancement of the District's heritage assets including **the preparation and maintenance of** a **Heritage at Risk Register**. **The LPA will actively seek to bring assets on the Register back into care.**

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## Policy

The Local Planning Authority will continue to **conserve** and enhance the historic environment through the preparation of Conservation Area appraisals **and management plans** and/or other strategies, and will support new development which recognises, protects and enhances the District's distinctive landscape and heritage assets and their settings. These may be designated or undesignated and include natural and man made assets associated with existing landscape and townscape character, conservation areas, scheduled ancient monuments, historic parks and gardens, listed buildings, historic battlefields and archaeology.

I am very pleased to confirm that if these modifications are made, my concerns with Policy CP20 would be overcome. Accordingly, if this change, the Council's Proposed Modifications 28 and 137, and the further changes we previously discussed to the Vision and Policies DS1 and MTRA1 (as noted in my letter of 26<sup>th</sup> July) are made, I would consider the Joint Core Strategy to be compliant with the National Planning Policy Framework's requirements for the historic environment in Core Strategies and sound in this respect.

Finally, just so you understand our position, whilst satisfied with the Local Plan Part 1 if these amendments are made, English Heritage will be looking for more detailed historic environment policies in the Local Plan Part 2 in due course.

Thank you.

Best wishes,

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