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RESPONSE BY HAMPSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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WINCHESTER DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN PART 1 – JOINT CORE STRATEGY
PUBLIC EXAMINATION – FURTHER MODIFICATIONS
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Hampshire Chamber of Commerce welcomes the further amendments to Winchester District Local Plan Part 1 in respect of:-

- All additional amendments to specifically mention the provision of employment land.
- Policy WT1 - Additional provision of floor space at Silverhill to support Winchester as a regional shopping destination.
- Paragraph 3.51 – amendments to clarify the implementation and timing for the Botley bypass which is no longer dependent on housing provision in the Eastleigh Local Plan.
- Policy SH3 – amendment which now includes improvements to junction 9 of the M27 to be agreed with the relevant highway authorities.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to see included positive support for the building of the Botley bypass at the earliest opportunity.

The Chamber regrets that there is no additional provision of employment land specifically targeted at the PUSH area, and for a wider range of economic development than at Whiteley.

The Chamber would like to see clearer evidence of cooperation with Eastleigh Council in respect of economic development in the PUSH area.



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