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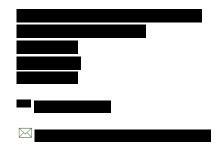
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13th October 2024

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Winchester District Local Plan 2020-2040, Proposed Submission (Regulation 19). Representation on behalf of <u>Heritage Property Southern Limited</u>.

The following local plan representation is submitted on behalf of our client Heritage Property Southern Limited, freehold owner of the site known as The Portsdown Main Site, James Callaghan Drive, Portsmouth, PO6 4EZ (your reference SWI03).

The following documents are attached to this electronic submission:

- Regulation 19 submission form
- Site Location Plan

#### LPA Response to Regulation 18 submission.

The Council's response to our client's Draft Plan (Regulation 18) consultation submission contains factual errors and is misleading in respect of the provisions of the Section 106 agreement of the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2006 entered into by Winchester City Council, Hampshire County Council and The Secretary of State for Defence insofar as this relates to the Portsdown Main Site (referred to therein as 'Redundant Facilities at Portsdown Hill'.

Allocation within emerging Portsmouth City Local Plan 2040.

The Council's response states "The emerging Portsmouth City Local Plan allocates the part of the site within Portsmouth City Council for Research & Development (class E(g)(ii) and/or manufacturing (class B2) uses (policy PLP10). The policy restricts development to the previously developed land, adjacent to Portsdown Technology Park, within Portsmouth City and requires a comprehensive landscape design strategy (amongst other requirements)."



By means of a Statement of Common Ground agreed between our client and Portsmouth City Council (<a href="https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Land-West of Portsdown Technology Park SCG September-2024-Final Signed.pdf">https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Land-West of Portsdown Technology Park SCG September-2024-Final Signed.pdf</a>) that part of the Portsdown Main Site which falls within the Portsmouth City Council administrative area is proposed to be allocated for "12,500m² Research & Development class E(g)(iii), manufacturing (class B2), and/or storage or distribution (class B8)." Furthermore, the provision relating to the location of development within the site is amended to "Focus development to the previously developed land adjacent to Portsdown Technology Park and minimise built structures on the northern downland slope".

Appendix 5 of the Statement of Common Ground provides an agreed (other than proposed units 10 & 11) Preliminary Site Layout Plan. This shows proposed units adjacent to both the southern and eastern boundary of that part of the site that is within the Winchester City Council administrative area. When viewed with the consented development to the western boundary of the site (Winchester City Council application reference 21/02548/FUL), the promoted site is bordered on three sides by either approved or allocated commercial development.

## Section 106 Agreement of the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

This agreement was entered into in respect of a consent granted for the "major refurbishment of the two court buildings; insertions and additions into courtyards; new data centre, screening building and ancillary buildings/enclosures; 400 car parking spaces" at Portsdown West, a site some 1.7km west of Portsdown Main and which, at the time, was under the same ownership.

It is understood that at the time redundant buildings located at Portsdown Main were subject to unauthorised entry, anti-social behaviour and vandalism. The agreement therefore required the demolition of said buildings, identified as buildings 13 (Old Engineering Block), 19 (Workshop Store), 27 (ERI Ground and First Floor) and 10 (CEL Ground and First Floor), totalling approximately 4,317m<sup>2</sup> of floorspace. The agreement specifically excluded "any of the Portsdown Mains car parking spaces". The agreement does not purport, nor has any documentation been identified indicating that the Council sought, to make any change to the lawful use of the site nor to constrain future redevelopment.

#### **Strategic Policy SP3: Development in the Countryside.**

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (December 2023) states (paragraph 89):

"Planning policies and decisions should recognise that sites to meet local business and community needs in rural areas may have to be found adjacent to or beyond existing settlements, and in locations that are not well served by public transport. In these circumstances it will be important to ensure that development is sensitive to its surroundings, does not have an unacceptable impact on local roads and exploits any opportunities to make a location more sustainable (for example by improving the scope for access on foot, by cycling or



by public transport). The use of previously developed land, and sites that are physically well-related to existing settlements, should be encouraged where suitable opportunities exist."

This requires that the use of previously developed land, such as the Portsdown Main site, should be encouraged.

Proposed policy SP3, in restricting development to those types defined within sub-paragraphs (i) to (vii), seeks to preclude the redevelopment of previously developed land, which the NPPF states should be encouraged. As currently worded the policy is **unsound**.

The policy could be made sound with the insertion of the following additional subparagraph:

(viii) The use of previously developed land.

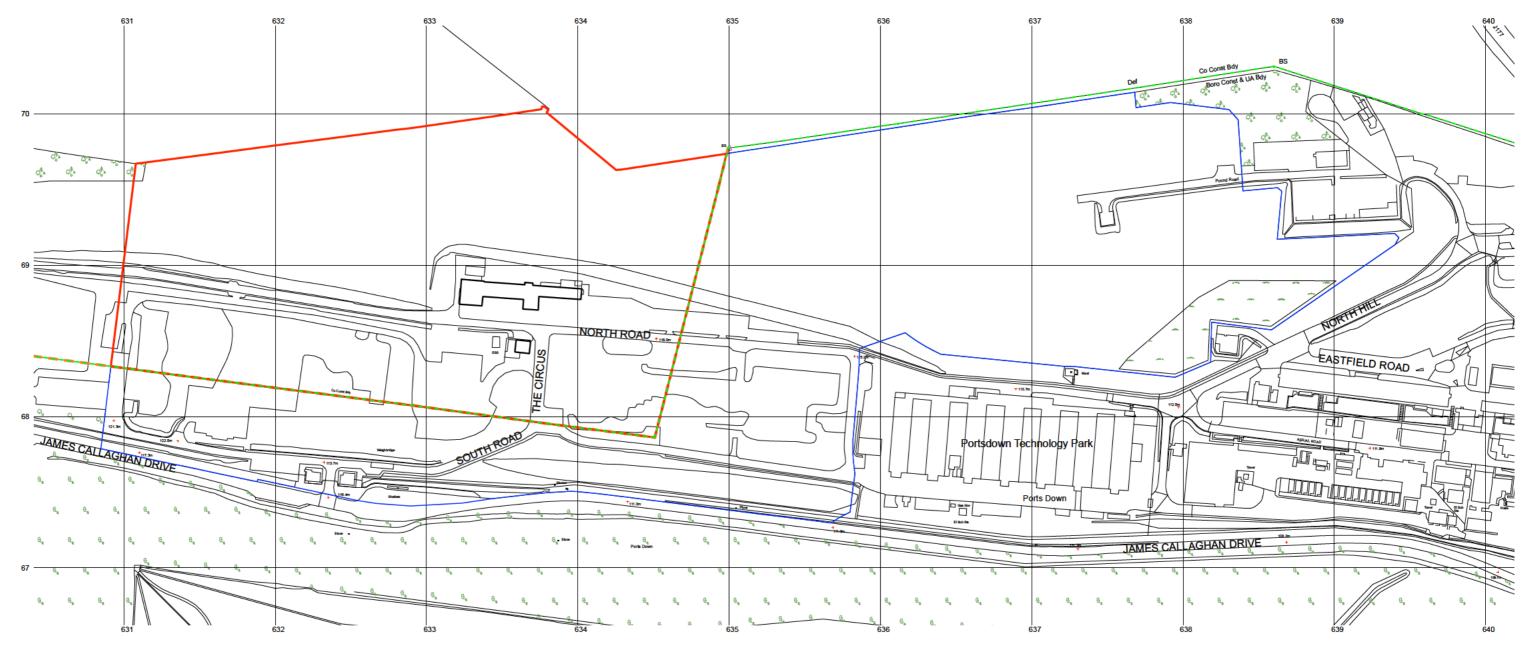
#### Policy D6: Brownfield Development and Making Best Use of Land.

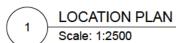
Similarly to above, the text of Policy D6 seeks to constrain the reuse of previously developed land in a way that is contrary to paragraph 89 of the NPPF and is therefore **unsound**.

The policy can be made sound by omitting the words "within existing settlements" so that first sentence of the revised policy reads "In order to ensure that development land is used most effectively, the local planning authority will prioritise development of previously developed land, and expect higher densities where appropriate on sites which have good access to facilities and public transport, particularly within the urban areas."

Yours faithfully,







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