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Dear Amanda,

### **Hart Open Space Study**

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the robustness of the Hart Open Space Study in light of recent changes to anticipated population growth in the District.

LUC completed the Open Space Study for Hart District Council in July 2016. The findings of the study draws on information made available to LUC at the time of preparation, including the projected population figures as set out in the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) 2014.

We have since been made aware the SHMA has been updated resulting in revised figures for anticipated population growth. We understand the difference between the two figures is minimal with 370 dwellings per annum stated in the SHMA 2014 and 382 dwellings per annum stated in the SHMA 2016.

The SHMA data is not fundamental to the Hart Open Space Study as the locally derived standards and resulting recommendations are based on current population figures. Therefore the minimal changes to population projections as set out in SHMA 2016 will not affect the robustness of the Study and its findings will remain largely unaffected.

I trust this letter provides reassurance about the validity of the findings within the Open Space Study for Hart. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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