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0.0 INTRODUCTION

- 0.1 Barton Willmore LLP is instructed by Martin Grant Homes (“MGH”) to submit this written Hearing Statement (“HS”) in response to the Inspector’s Matters and Issues for Examination. These representations expand upon the representations submitted on behalf of the MGH in response to the relevant Regulation 18 and Regulation 19 consultations on the emerging Hart District Local Plan.
- 0.2 This statement does not respond to all questions raised under Matter 2, but focuses on those of particular relevance to the interests of the MGH. Whilst efforts are made not to duplicate the content of previous representations, this HS draws on previous responses where necessary.

RESPONSE TO INSPECTOR'S QUESTIONS – Matter 2

Matter 2: The Vision and Strategic Objectives

2.1 Is the Vision justified and consistent with national policy?

2.1.1 No comment.

2.2 Are the strategic objectives justified and consistent with national policy?

2.2.1 Given the housing need over the Plan period, undeveloped sites on the edge of settlements, such as the Site west of Ewshot Lane, Church Crookham, will need to be included, allocated and developed to complement a new settlement and other strategic sites and development on previously developed land such as Hartland Village (referenced Hartland Park within the SA).

2.2.2 In addition to the need for Local Planning Authorities, in development of Local Plans, to ensure their Local Plan meets the full objectively assessed needs for market and affordable housing, there is also a requirement for the maintenance of a minimum five years' worth of housing land against housing requirements. Whilst major strategic residential allocations or a new settlement can contribute significantly towards overall housing need over the Plan period, in the short term, in support of maintaining five years supply of deliverable housing in the early years of the Plan period, the Council needs to also allocate small to medium scale housing sites which can be delivered quickly, within 5 years, such as the land west of Ewshot Lane.

2.2.3 The Vision should therefore reflect the need for a mix of development scales across the District in sustainable locations by amending the first sentence of the second paragraph:

"To plan for sufficient land to be available for at least 6,208 new homes to be built in the District in the period 2016 – 2032 such that it provides a continuous supply of housing to meet the full objectively assessed housing need, including the maintenance of a supply of sites sufficient to deliver five years' worth of housing"

2.2.4 The Vision should ensure that it reflects the need to locate development at the most sustainable settlements within the District with convenient, sustainable access to services and facilities.

2.2.5 As indicated above, Objective 1 should be made clearer in its synergy with the requirement of the NPPF at paragraphs 47 and 158 to meet in full, objectively assessed needs for market and affordable housing, taking full account of demographic trend, change in job numbers, market signals and affordable housing needs.