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Cllr Kelsey Learney
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Winchester City Council
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Dear Cllr Learney

Re: Cabinet (Local Development Framework) Committee

Following the meeting of the Cabinet (Local Development Framework) Committee held on Thursday 22nd July 2010, the Parish Council of Denmead, having made oral submissions to that meeting, wishes to place its views on record.

This Council takes issue with the recommendation that was agreed within paper CAB 2040 that Winchester City Council should remain a member of Planning for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH). PUSH only had legitimacy as an offshoot of the previous Government's Regional Spatial Strategy, and given the abolition of that, PUSH should not be allowed to take on a life of its own, forming another element of government not directly elected for that purpose. The main effect of PUSH will be to give credence to the idea of continued building within the southern parishes of Winchester simply because of their proximity to other urban Local Authorities. Denmead, Wickham and neighbouring parishes have registered their concern at further building given that infrastructure is still not caught up with the building of the last twenty years.

The influence of PUSH will also serve to take the eye off the requirement to ensure that Winchester itself is a sustainable city in the future with a convincing case to have proximate development.

Denmead Parish Council welcomes the clarification given at the meeting when it was agreed that the Officers will undertake a review of housing needs within the *whole* District beginning later this year.

On the matter of the use of garden for further building, this Parish Council is extremely surprised that the Head of Strategic Development considers that the government's statement (15th June 2010) does not change the position for Winchester. The changes brought forward by the Coalition Government are designed for "communities to take decisions that are best for them, and decide for themselves the best locations and types of development" (to quote the DCLG circular) and provide an opportunity to re-consider what is a suitable application and suitable location as other Local

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Authorities, (including some within PUSH) have done. Winchester's position on this should not be an automatic "No change".

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman, Parish Council of Denmead

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