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Dear Mr Cutler

### **Stourbank Nurseries, Ham Lane, Wimborne**

Thank you for your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Many of the points raised in your letter have been made in the public examination and the Council has endeavoured to respond accordingly. I do not therefore attempt to reiterate what has already been said.

I disagree with your point that we have not engaged appropriately. We were made aware of the proposal as part of the Issues and Options consultation. We undertook an accompanied site visit and heard the points you wished to make. The proposal was subsequently included in the Options for Consideration document and various representations were made. These were considered by officers in the context of the evidence that you and others submitted to us, and the result was that the Council decided the land at Stourbank Nurseries should remain in the Green Belt.

The evidence that has been used throughout the process has been clearly explained and set out during the public examination. Examination document FD12 (Christchurch and East Dorset Employment Land Strategy) explains the employment evidence. Site selection and Green Belt assessment for employment sites have been undertaken as part of the following documents:

OD22 & OD23: SE Dorset Joint Study Area Development Options (SED04) November 2005

OD19: Regional Spatial Strategy Strategic Green Belt Review: Colin Buchanan Feb 2006

CD1: Core Strategy Issues and Options Discussion Paper March 2008

CD4.11: Key Issues Papers 11 East Dorset Employment Land

CD6: Core Strategy Options for Consideration October 2010

SD15.13: Background Paper 13 Creating Prosperous Communities

SD1: Core Strategy Pre-Submission Consultation Document April 2012

SD10: Analysis of Responses to the Pre-Submission Consultation Document April 2012

The Council remains of the opinion that the Stourbank Nurseries site should remain in the Green Belt and is not a sustainable location for a strategic employment

allocation in the Core Strategy. Clearly this matter is in front of the Inspector and I am confident that she has all the information necessary to come to a conclusion.

Yours sincerely

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