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Dear Sirs

Fareham Local Development Framework

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Core Strategy Issues and Options paper. The views of the Parish Council are outlined below.

Site Allocation Option 3 / 2.31 Fareham Local Plan Review 2000 and Core Strategy Issues and Option 6c.

The Parish Council has concerns regarding the saved Local Plan policy T8C and proposed safeguarding of site 1160 Rookery Avenue until Whiteley Way is open.

The Parish Council strongly objects to the proposed safeguarding of the opening to all traffic of Rookery Avenue and Yew Tree Drive until Whiteley Way is completed. It also objects to proposed and existing policies that the roads should be for bus use only. Other than safeguarding the land required for the road links, the Parish Council believes no policies regarding their use should be developed until the proposed Whiteley Access Plan has been completed.

Whiteley suffers from significant traffic problems caused by past inadequate planning for transport infrastructure. These problems are unlikely to be solved by the completion of Whiteley Way as suggested by FBC policies. Measures to ease the current situation should be investigated to allow the existing and potential road network to provide as much flexibility as possible.

Whiteley provides significant employment opportunities for Fareham residents and this will be eroded if the area loses economic viability due to access problems.

The inadequate planning for school places for Whiteley children is resulting in large numbers having to travel across Junction 9 of the M27 at peak times to access schools outside of Whiteley. Measures to ease these journeys for residents should be a priority.

The Parish Council wishes to point out an error in the current Local Plan reference 11.60 which states:

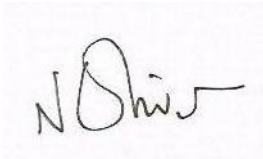
Access to Whiteley

11.60 The only access to Whiteley at the present time is from Junction 9 of the M27.

This is incorrect, Leafy Lane provides a second access into Whiteley. Leafy Lane is a residential feeder road which is unacceptably and unsustainably used by over 5000 vehicles per day. The excessive usage of this road is exacerbated by Fareham Local Plan policies to restrict the opening of additional roads onto Botley Road.

Whiteley Parish Council urges Fareham Borough Council to work in partnership with its neighbouring authorities to maximise the social, economic and environmental sustainability of the requirements of the South East Plan for the benefit of the existing and new residents.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Oliver', on a light-colored background.

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