

PRESENTATION BY CHAIRMAN WHITELEY PARISH COUNCIL
TO WINCHESTER CITY CABINET ON WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER

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Good morning Mr Chairman. I will be brief. As Cabinet is aware Whiteley Parish Council has, from the outset, taken a positive stance on the proposed development of up to 3000 houses to the North of Whiteley, and our message to residents is that this development is the key to facilitate the provision of improved facilities and infrastructure to support not only the existing, but also the proposed new community.

We fully recognises that the City Council is mindful of the existing problems and is already working closely with the Parish Council to provide some much needed infrastructure in advance of the North Whiteley development. I am pleased to be able to tell you that a positive dialogue between the Parish Council and the North Whiteley consortium already exists, but it is clear there are a whole range of complex issues to be

addressed and planned. As a result, we have, as you know, been seeking the establishment of a formal mechanism for community engagement. Mr Chairman, the recent Cabinet decision to establish a North Whiteley Development Forum is very much welcomed by the Parish Council and, although this will be an advisory body, we see this Forum as a positive step and an essential ingredient in formulating, planning, and progressing the MDA in order to meet the needs of the existing and future Whiteley community.

We look forward to working with all concerned in an effort to improve the quality of life for all Whiteley residents.

Thank You