



# Whiteley Town Council

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Dear Steve

## **15/00485/OUT Development of land to the north of Whiteley**

1. As I explained during our recent telephone conversation the Town Council is not in a position to submit its comments on the North Whiteley planning application until we have had an opportunity to consider the revised phasing plan for this development. Having initially discussed this with the planning consultants, Terence O' Rourke, I thought you should know that arrangements are in hand for the North Whiteley Consortium (NWC) to brief councillors during the latter half of June. We have also invited both Curdrige and Botley Councils to attend that meeting.
2. A key part of the master plan development process has been our on- going dialogue with both the City Council and NWC to set out what will be delivered and when. This and the phasing exercise was vital to ensuring that the viability work carried out to inform issues of affordable housing and infrastructure provision was as accurate as possible. It is essential, therefore, that we are able to fully consider the implications of any changes to the current phasing programme.
3. From the outset Whiteley Town Council has taken a positive stance regarding this development on the strict understanding that many of the existing deficiencies in community infrastructure such as schools and transport links will be met early in the development. This message was reinforced by residents at the final pre-submission exhibition in December last year. Overall there was positive feedback to the proposals but it was clear that essential infrastructure such as roads should be in place before work begins on building 3500 homes. The extension of Bluebell Way onto Botley Road was seen as the top priority and this is fully supported by the Town Council. This link would not only provide access to the southern primary school but also provide an overdue and much needed emergency access for Winchester residents.

4. In summary, regardless of changes to the proposed phasing of the development the Town Council wishes to secure agreement to the very early provision of the following key infrastructure:

- A road link onto Botley Road (Ken's Way)
- All weather sports pitches

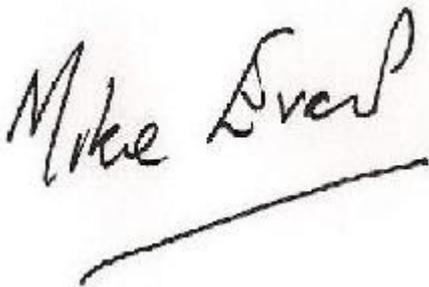
Together with the timely provision of necessary infrastructure to meet the immediate need for all phases including:

- Road and transport improvements
- Green infrastructure
- Play areas, sports facilities and open spaces
- Schools and community buildings
- Robust engagement with new residents to ensure they feel and become part of the community of Whiteley, particularly the early phases to the north.

5. As previously stated the Town Council is expecting to adopt play areas, allotments, sports facilities, grass pitches, all weather pitches and open spaces not transferred to the Land Trust. This is, of course, subject to satisfactory commuted sums being made available.

6. It is hoped that we will be in a position to comment fully on the planning application and revised phasing plan during July.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Evans". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line that serves as a separator.

Mike Evans  
Chairman