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6th November 2018

Dear Ms Jordan

RE: NORTH DORCHESTER GARDEN COMMUNITIES BID – LETTER OF SUPPORT

We write on behalf of Ashley Chase Estates Ltd, t/a Ford Farm Cheesemakers, who have a key interest in the future of Dorchester and the surrounding area. A copy of my instruction to write to you on their behalf is attached to this letter. Our client welcomes the active lead being taken by West Dorset District Council in achieving a comprehensive and high quality design for the North Dorchester development.

The County Town has grown over the last few decades as a result of the development of Poundbury. This development site will come to an end in the coming years and the council are now considering the long term future growth of the town to support the local economy and meet the area's housing needs. The North Dorchester site is the most logical direction for growth, however, such significant expansion of the town needs to be planned appropriately.

The garden communities bid will help to ensure a well designed, comprehensive development that is locally led and matches the high quality of the town's recent growth. It will be essential that the development strikes the appropriate balance between the provision of significant additional housing through the creation of a new community while respecting the heritage of the area and its landscape setting.

Ford Farm Cheesemakers is located in Litton Cheney and employs around 150 local people. The socio-economic impact of any potential redevelopment to North of Dorchester will have a positive impact on this expanding local company and the local economy benefiting from a larger employment pool that would come from additional housing. This additional working population would then enable the business to expand further and contribute to other areas of the local economy. It is Ford Farm's policy to utilise local products and companies to support their expanding business.

Our client would therefore like to offer their support to West District Council in its efforts to secure the future of Dorchester through significant, high quality growth to the north of the town and support them in their bid.

Yours sincerely

TURNER ASSOCIATES SURVEY & DESIGN LIMITED

Enc. Letter of instruction