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Dear Professor Preston

DESCRIPTOR Project - SUE2 bid submission

Following our recent meeting between your colleagues from the University and representatives of the PUSH Sustainability Group I am writing to confirm our support of your bid submission.

We have now received your revised project summary that ensures effective integration of your proposed research with the implementation of the PUSH Sub Regional Strategy and in particular with the sustainability objectives of that strategy. The research you are proposing to undertake will be extremely useful to PUSH. It will enable us to work together to ensure that sustainable objectives are effectively embedded in the earliest stages of our planning for some major developments such as the Fareham Strategic Development Area and the Woolston Riverside Regeneration Project. Also the research will ensure that best practice in sustainability is effectively transferred throughout all major development proposals over the next 20 years of the strategy. We also believe there is real added value from your research and collaboration with PUSH in developing an effective monitoring and evaluation model so that we can measure the impact of implementing the strategy in terms of the environmental, economic and social sustainability footprints.

I would therefore confirm on behalf of the 11 PUSH Local Authorities that we fully support your bid and would be able to commit in kind contributions amounting to 350 hours of officer time per annum over the life of the project. This time is estimated from the effort arising from all authorities in support of the PUSH Sustainability Group. The value of this time at an average hourly rate of £30 per hour would amount to approximately £10,000 per annum. Assuming the project lasts for a 4 year period the total in kind contributions would amount to £40,000. This will include a representative of PUSH attending your Steering Group meetings which we understand will be held at six monthly intervals. PUSH authorities will make available rooms for these meetings when needed and will make available within

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reason any information we hold that might add value to your research. Substantive work has been commissioned on housing market assessments, economic assessments, retail studies, strategic flood risk assessment, a greenspace strategy, an integrated water management strategy, transport studies and feasibility studies for the SDAs. It is not however be possible to exactly cost the value of these resources to your study, although they may be commensurate with the staff time we are making available.

I wish you well in promoting your bid and look forward to working with you in the event that you are successful in taking the project forward.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Woodward". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Councillor Sean Woodward
Chairman of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire