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Dear Ms Watson

PUSH Consultation Response – South East Business Support Strategy and Business Link Service

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the following consultations: (1) Draft Business Support Strategy for the South East; and (2) Business Link Service in the South East. On behalf of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH), I am pleased to enclosed comments for both consultations.

PUSH supports the Business Support Simplification Programme (BSSP) and views the Business Support Strategy as an important mechanism to implement business support activities in the PUSH area. PUSH is therefore keen to work with SEEDA and partners to take forward the strategy once it is finalised. Furthermore, Business Link is a key partner for PUSH and is instrumental in contributing to achieve our sub-regional step change in growth. PUSH has established a strong relationship with Business Link Hampshire and Isle of Wight which we look forward to continuing this beyond the end of the current contracts. The shape of Business Link's service from 2010 is therefore extremely important to PUSH and we welcome this opportunity to submit comments.

Please do not hesitate to contact Dawn Baxendale (Tel: 07736792647 or Email: dawn.baxendale@push.gov.uk) who is the PUSH Economic Development Director if you have any queries or seek further clarification.

Yours sincerely

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