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Dear Sir or Madam

## Warwick District Village Housing Options and Settlement Boundaries Consultation: January 2014

Respondent: The Burman Family

We are instructed on behalf of our Clients, the Burman Family, the Freehold owners of the proposed housing release at Hatton Park, to submit representations to the Warwick District Housing Options and Settlement Boundaries publication consultation. We welcome the opportunity to submit comments on the contents of this publication.

We focus our representations on our Client's landholding located in the settlement of Hatton Park and more particularly described as Site 1 – Land north of Birmingham Road, being the Council's Preferred Option.

Our representations made in this consultation document consolidate previously-made representations to other consultation documents forming part of this Local Plan. Our representations support and expand the representations being made by Barton Willmore on behalf of Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd.

We confirm the area of this landholding, as contained in Warwick District's documentation, at 7.6 ha. In promoting the release of this landholding we have considered the beneficial local amenity opportunities that could flow from a sensitively and sympathetically designed scheme that would interact with the rural nature of the area, the retention of Smith's Covert to the north, and the proper and reasonable sustainable extension to Hatton Park given the relationship with the Green Belt in this area. The intention will be to retain all of the trees on the boundary of the Preferred Option, supplemented by additional trees where appropriate.

We consider that the proposed development relates more appropriately to the settlement of Hatton Park than the Discounted Options south of the A4177 and therefore forms the most appropriate and logical extension for Hatton Park and development in the area.

This sustainable extension will be subject to a comprehensive Masterplan to integrate the site properly with the existing settlement. At this point in time we do not envisage that there will be a vehicular access through Ebrington Drive to this new development. In fact, the eastern boundary of the existing housing area, where it adjoins the proposed development, will be the subject of a

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dense landscaped buffer taking account of any existing hedges and trees along this boundary. We are mindful that the Parish Council have indicated a wish for the provision of some suitable allotments within the overall scheme and we would be pleased to discuss this aspect with them. In addition there will be landscaped and planted connectivity from the Birmingham Road through the development and encompassing Smith's Covert. In terms of the latter, it will be intended to upgrade and improve this woodland where appropriate. We would be pleased to discuss how this woodland can best contribute towards improving the amenities of the residents of Hatton Park. In addition we are aware that the residents of Hatton Park are concerned at the lack of a doctors surgery / chemist and would want to see provision for some bungalows. These are all matters that can be discussed at the right and appropriate time between the parties in the furtherance of the release of this sustainable extension.

We should be pleased if you would register our wholehearted support for the Preferred Option at Hatton Park, the benefits to the community that can flow from it, and the planning logic in the release of this landholding in the furtherance of the strategic requirements for housing at the District level.

Yours faithfully

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