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Dear Paul

### **South East Plan - Advice on South Hampshire Town Centres Policy**

As your officers are aware, PUSH has been working on a town centre policy for South Hampshire, to be included in the SE Plan. The evidence base for this policy is a major DTZ study of retail, leisure, office and cultural uses within the sub-region, which was completed early in the new year. Our policy advice on this issue has now been finalised and was approved at the PUSH meeting of February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

I now enclose this policy advice, as agreed by PUSH. This material has been discussed with Alison Bailey and, following a number of valuable amendments, is now seen as workable at officer level. I have also enclosed a note, approved by PUSH at the same meeting, which identifies a number of minor changes which are required to harmonise the South Hampshire employment policies with the town centre policy.

A possible procedure to take the policy forward at this late stage has been discussed with Martin Tugwell. I understand that the intention is to link the town centres policy to the Assembly's consideration later in the year (before the Examination in Public) of the outstanding issue of the allocation of the SDA housing figures to individual districts. This will provide an opportunity for the Assembly to formally consider the PUSH authorities advice on this missing policy, with a view to making a recommendation to the Panel. From the PUSH point of view, this is a welcome suggestion and seems to be an appropriate approach under the circumstances.

Please contact Paul Nichols, Southampton City Council's Head of Planning and Sustainability if you have any queries on these documents (Tel: 023-8083-2553).

Yours sincerely

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