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Dear Mr Dawes

Spelthorne Development Plan – Alternative Site Allocations

I refer to your letter of 10 September 2007 regarding the proposed changes to 7 sites.

The Chamber of Commerce has no objections to the proposed changes to the following sites:

1/2/5/6/7.

We do however have grave concerns regarding changes to site 3 – Mimosa Court, Littleton Road, Ashford. This site is ideal for small business use, close to residential accommodation allowing local residents the opportunity to live and work closely and reduce the need for commuting, this saving fuel time and a reduction to the carbon footprint of the area. The site currently provides office accommodation for the smaller end of the market – something which is in very short supply in the Borough and is needed to encourage the economic growth of the area.

Similarly we express concern over the proposed alteration to site 4 – Shepperton Centre. This too represents an ideal area for small business activity close to residential accommodation and again, offers a convenient local work place reducing time, fuel and the carbon footprint of the Borough.

Patrons:



When land which was formerly used for commercial purposes is turned over to housing, it rarely if ever reverts to it's original use and is therefore lost for ever to the business sector.

I would be very happy to discuss this matter further with you or one of your team, should you wish to do so.

The Chamber has no personal or individual interest in these matters, we seek only the best future for the business community in the Borough.

Yours sincerely,


Pauline Hedges
Regional Manager