

Bruton Knowles for the Bowden Settlement – Comments on Revised GD2

We make the following observations and request for consideration by the Inspector:

- 1. Bullet point 2g. of HDC's suggested revisions to policy GD2 as proposed states *"g. it does not harmfully diminish the physical and/or visual separation between settlements."* In his opening comments the Inspector went on to further supplement that wording by stating that the clause should conclude *"... and/or is not part of a defined Green Wedge or Area of Separation"*.**
- 2. The Inspector's additional proposed wording does provide us with considerable concern, as it appears to put the proposed amended GD2 policy in a degree of conflict with paragraph 2 of existing Policy GD6 which states at present, *"Development in the Areas of Separation will be permitted where it would not compromise, either alone or in conjunction with other existing or proposed development, the effectiveness of the Area of Separation in protecting the identity and distinctiveness of these settlements."* We believe that Policy GD6 is uncontroversial, and not otherwise subject to representation.**
- 3. Therefore, from a constructive perspective, we wish to suggest to the Inspector that to provide conformity between revised policy GD2 and existing policy GD6 in the plan, bullet point g of GD2 should be amended to state: *"g. it does not harmfully diminish the physical and/or visual separation between settlements, is not part of a Green Wedge and does not compromise an Area of Separation in accordance with the principals set out in Policy GD6"***

Unfortunately neither Philip nor I will be present with you tomorrow, but please don't hesitate to contact either of us should

you have any queries. If you could let us know how this matter is left on conclusion of the Hearings, I would be grateful.

Yours Sincerely,

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