Winchester Local Plan Examination Matter 16: Creating a Vibrant Economy Site BW3 – Tollgate Sawmill

Following the hearing session on Matter 16: Creating a vibrant economy (including site allocations), the Council has received correspondence with a party regarding the site Tollgate Sawmill allocated in Plan Policy BW3.

The Council has been advised that information is currently being assembled to support an application to regularise the ownership of the site with Land Registry and establish title. We are advised that the intention is to establish title, appoint appropriate agents and then engage constructively with the Council and relevant stakeholders to explore a viable and sustainable future use for the site that aligns with local needs and planning policy.

The Council has not been provided with a timetable for this process, but it is considered reasonable to conclude that this process would be completed in a timeframe that would leave sufficient time to bring forward the site for development within the Plan period.

The Council's rationale for retaining and updating this allocation in the Local Plan is set out in paragraph 2.5 on page 26 of the Council's Hearing Statement for Matter 16.