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Dear Sir or Madam,

WEST BERKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW (REGULATION 19), JANUARY 2023

On behalf of Sir Richard Sutton Limited, I write in support of the Local Plan Review, with specific interest in the Settlement Boundary Review (SBR).

Sir Richard Sutton Limited has land interests in the district including at Stockcross (identified on Map 41 of the SBR, December 2022¹).

We note that the proposed boundary amendments were not subject to open public consultation at Regulation 18 stage, and therefore, we have not had opportunity to comment previously, other than on the criteria for the review.

The SBR (Appendix 2) reports that the Parish Council did respond to the Council's closed consultation. It supported the proposed changes, noting that they allowed for a number of potential infill sites, whilst restricting encroachment into wider areas and open spaces.

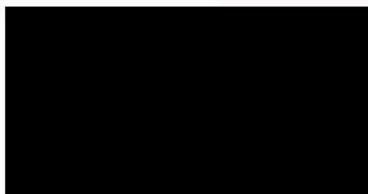
We support the amendment of the Stockcross settlement boundary, including the proposed amendment to include land to the rear of 38-47 Ermin Street.

These amendments represent positive planning to help encourage proportionate growth of the village over the plan period (to 2039), which is in general accordance with national policy and its objective to help sustain rural communities, and their existing services and facilities (National Planning Policy Framework, 2021; paragraph 79).

We trust that our support will be given due consideration.

¹ Previously Map 42, March 2021.

Yours faithfully,



James Iles MRTPI
Director



cc James Ingestre, Benham Estate Manager & Director of Rural Property