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Dear Sir/Madam

**WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL: LOCAL PLAN PREFERRED OPTIONS
COMMENTS ON BEHALF OF WM MORRISON SUPERMARKETS PLC**

With reference to the above and on behalf of our client, Wm Morrison Supermarkets plc ('Morrisons') we write to thank you for providing us with an opportunity to comment on the emerging Local Plan for Warwick.

Whilst Morrisons does not currently operate a store within Warwick, the Company may seek representation in the future, and would therefore like to be kept informed and consulted on further stages in the preparation of this document.

We would be grateful if you could take account of our client's comments when progressing this document.

Draft Policy PO12: Climate Change

It is acknowledged that a number of Local Authorities are seeking a percentage of onsite renewable energy generation in new development and, in principle, our client supports this approach. However, we consider that any such policy should incorporate an element of flexibility to allow for circumstances where it will not be viable, feasible or suitable to incorporate renewable energy equipment to reduce carbon dioxide emission by a given percentage, or indeed for a development to be carbon zero.

We note that paragraph 96 of the National Planning Policy Framework states that local planning authorities should expect new development to:

"comply with adopted Local Plan policies on local requirements for decentralised energy supply unless it can be demonstrated by the applicant, having regard to the type of development involved and its design, that this is not feasible or viable"

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Accordingly, we consider that Policy PO12 should include text to confirm that the implementation of the policy will be subject to the tests of viability and suitability.

We trust that this is helpful and would be grateful if you could ensure that Peacock and Smith are kept informed on the progress of the Local Plan. If you have any queries, please contact Clare Dickinson or Kate Tinsley at the address provided overleaf.

Yours faithfully



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