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Dear Ms Willis

#### POSITION STATEMENT BY BARWOOD DEVELOPMENTS ON THE TAMWORTH LOCAL PLAN

In response to the pre-Examination consultation, could you please provide this position statement to the Inspector? At this stage, we do not feel it necessary to participate in the Examination hearings but we would like to reserve the ability to do so if any third party representations generate the need for a response from us in relation to Barwood's proposed development within the North of Tamworth Broad Location that is allocated within the Lichfield District Local Plan (2015)

Barwood control land allocated in the adopted Lichfield Local Plan (2015) as the North of Tamworth Broad Development Location (BDL), located north of Ashby Road, just outside of the boundary with Tamworth Borough. The allocation in Lichfield and Barwood's current outline planning application on that site are of relevance to Tamworth as the site will deliver 500 dwellings for Lichfield and also contribute 500 towards meeting the housing needs of Tamworth Borough.

This statement provides an update on the position with respect to our current outline planning application with Lichfield District Council. Barwood is at an advanced stage with an planning application for '*Outline planning permission for up to 1000 homes, primary school, local centre (up to 40 sqm) public open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure*' on land comprising the North of Tamworth Broad Development Location (BDL).

The outline planning application with full supporting Planning Design and Access Statement, Environmental Statement and technical appendices was submitted in May 2014. It has been given Lichfield District Council's reference 14/00516/OUTMEI.

#### *Current position*

The application has been the subject of very extensive consultation both before and subsequent to the submission of the application, including a public exhibition and ongoing dialogue / interface with all of the statutory and non-statutory consultees. The application is at an advanced stage in the planning application determination process. Barwood anticipates construction commencing on site during 2016, enabling the delivery of housing to meet both Lichfield and Tamworth's housing needs.

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*Implications for the Tamworth Local Plan*

For Tamworth Borough's housing requirements to be met, it relies heavily upon delivery within neighbouring authorities, including Lichfield. The proposed 1,000 homes and associated uses and infrastructure will make a significant contribution towards helping to meet Tamworth's immediate housing requirements. Indeed, without early delivery, we question whether housing delivery rates will be sufficiently high in the early years of Tamworth Borough's Local Plan period for its housing requirements to be met.

We hope that this update is helpful to the Inspector.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Shaw", with a long, wavy horizontal line extending to the right.

**Richard Shaw**  
Director