

Cllr. Gill Mitchell
Chair of Scrutiny
Brighton & Hove City Council
Kings House
Grand Avenue
Hove BN3 2LS

11th July 2011

Dear Cllr. Mitchell,

The Brighton & Hove Economic Partnership would like to request that the City Council's Overview & Scrutiny Committee consider the implications of the decision at the cabinet meeting on 17 February 2011 to sell a leasehold interest on land at Patcham Court Farm to the hotel developer De Vere Village Hotels.

Given the dire shortage of brownfield and other development land in the city, we would particularly ask the Committee to address the following concerns:

- How does this decision comply with a variety of established strategies e.g. Local Plan, emerging Core Strategy, Hotel Futures Study, Local Transport Plan etc
- Is this the best strategic use of the land?
- What precedents will be established if the sale proceeds

Thank you in anticipation of your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Mernagh
Executive Director