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Dear Mr Axford,

Re: Issues and Options Consultation – Christchurch Town Council Response

I am happy to write including the Christchurch Town Council consultation response to BCP's Issues and Options Consultation. The response comes after my Members considered the Consultation at an Extraordinary Full Council meeting in public session held on the 8th of February 2022 which was well-attended on the evening.

Enclosed are the fully resolved responses to assist in the collation of the Town Council's response in the format as set-out by BCP Council. However, in passing comment overall it is fair to say that the Council's sentiments suggest that more can be said about Christchurch being constrained by its unique setting which embraces a rich cultural heritage. This is highlighted by its distinctive position at the confluence of two world-class rivers in the Avon and Stour, and its unique social and ecclesiastical legacy. These constraints set aside Christchurch from the issues faced by Bournemouth and Poole.

My Members feel strongly that more could be said to celebrate Christchurch as rich and diverse in its natural environmental setting.

Secondly, throughout the issues and options consultation there was very little emphasis on fostering and promoting opportunity for younger generations. The Town Council's formal response as enclosed highlights this issue facing BCP's Policy Planners in the transport section of the consultation. Now, however, seems an opportunity for BCP Council to really endorse and promote community wealth-building initiatives that seek to empower the future generations of, and visitors to Christchurch.

I trust the enclosed response provides a detailed insight into the issues my Members feel are facing Christchurch and wish you well with the onward preparation of the BCP emerging Local Plan.

Yours sincerely,

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Town Clerk

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(enc: BCP Issues and Options PDF. Survey Reply)