

**Petition from City of Winchester Trust  
to Winchester City Council  
22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009**

We the undersigned on behalf of the City of Winchester Trust ask the City Council to delete from the Core Strategy Preferred Option document of its District Development Framework, prior to publication for public consultation, any reference to a “knowledge park of about 20 hectares” or any other development at Bushfield Camp for the following reasons:

The whole of the Bushfield Camp area is within a “Site of Importance for Nature Conservation” (SINC).

The site can be seen from much of the downland to the east of Winchester, in particular from the popular viewpoint of St Catherine’s Hill. “This rolling open downland of Bushfield is key to the character of Winchester and its setting”. (Kim Wilkie)

The Trust urges members to make no provision in the LDF for development at Bushfield Camp on grounds of its national landscape importance, and because the need for a knowledge park is not proven. Should it become so, we urge that a different and less sensitive site be found.