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## **Hartland Park: comments on Hart Council's planning decision**

Commenting on the decision of Hart Council's Planning Committee to refuse planning permission for the proposals for Hartland Park,

Chris Perkins, Director of Fund Management at PRUPIM said:

"We are obviously disappointed that the council has refused our application, particularly as council officers had previously recommended our initial larger proposal should be approved.

"We recognise that the application has generated opposition from local residents but there remains a very strong planning case for what we are proposing – this was reflected in the professional assessment prepared by council officers.

"There is a strong need for distribution facilities within the south east, where the country's largest consumer market is located. The proposals will clean up this contaminated site and bring it back into more productive use. It is in line with the Hart Council's own Local Plan which proposes that the site remains used for employment purposes.

"Both Hampshire County Council and the Highways Agency have raised no objections in relation to the traffic issues, subject to a cap on traffic levels.

"The matter will now be considered in detail by an independent Planning Inspector at a Public Inquiry at which all parties, including objectors, will have their say."

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