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STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY
HAMPSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

FOR THE COSTCO FARNBOROUGH PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 11/00365/OUT
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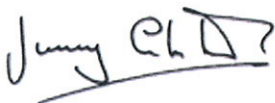
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The Chamber of Commerce believes Costco would provide a valuable service to local businesses offering a good range of products at a reduced cost and could give existing and new companies in Farnborough and North Hampshire the competitive edge when it comes to buying supplies for running a business and goods for resale to others.

The "Enterprise M3" Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) is a new, private sector-led initiative to promote local economic growth and attract new businesses to the North Hampshire/Surrey LEP area. The Hampshire Chamber of Commerce has been involved with the setting up of Enterprise M3 and looks forward to the new Costco at Farnborough playing a significant role in enabling local prosperity and growth along the M3 corridor by attracting investment, trade and customers into the town of Farnborough.

Located at the Farnborough Business Park with easy access to both motorways, Costco will support Rushmoor Borough Council's plans for the regeneration of the nearby Farnborough Town Centre, increasing its profile in the North Hampshire business community and providing an estimated 250 local jobs. New employees receive a high standard of in-house training at all levels of recruitment and Costco has a record of contributing to the local business community wherever it operates and maintains policies and practices to protect the environment.

Hampshire Chamber is keen to see Costco come to this area, so that the focus on quality and price of its select range of products will benefit the business community in North Hampshire.



Jimmy Chestnutt
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