# Section 3 – External auditor's certificate and opinion

## Certificate

We certify that we have completed the audit of the annual return for the year ended 31 March 2009 of

| YATTON PARISH | COUNCIL/~~MEETING~~ |
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## Respective responsibilities of the council and the auditor

The council is responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations and for the preparation of an annual return which:

- summarises the council's accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2009; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are important to our audit responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to conduct an audit in accordance with guidance issued by the Audit Commission and, on the basis of our review of the annual return and supporting information, to report whether any matters that come to our attention give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

## External auditor's report

~~(Except for the matters reported below)~~* on the basis of our review, in our opinion the information contained in the annual return is in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. (*delete as appropriate).

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the council/meeting:
THE COUNCIL MUST ENSURE THAT ITHAS APPROPRIATE CONTROLS IN PLACE TO PREVENT AN INCORRECT PRECEPT AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED.
THE COUNCIL SHOULD ENSURE THAT IT HAS REGARD TO THE LEVEL OF RESERVES REQUIRED WHEN SETTING FUTURE PRECEPTS.
THE ANNUAL RETURN WAS SENT BACK TO AMEND SECTION 1, BOXES 7, 8 + 9 TO CORRECTLY DISCLOSE LONG TERM ASSETS OF £85 IN BOX 9.

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

External auditor's signature: Mazars LLP

External auditor's name: Mazars LLP, Southampton, SO15 2BE  Date: 29/9/2009

**Note:** The auditor signing this page has been appointed by the Audit Commission and is reporting to you that they have carried out and completed all the work that is required of them by law. For further information please refer to the Audit Commission's publication entitled *Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and of Audited Small Bodies.*