



**Home Builders Federation**

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## **FAREHAM LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION**

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#### **Policy D5 Internal Space Standards.**

Is this policy supported by robust evidence? How have need and viability been assessed?

The Council mention in paragraph 11.59 of the Local Plan that their evidence indicates that most new dwellings are consistent with the nationally described space standards with the exceptions being those where smallest bedroom fails to meet space standards. In addition, they identify that some single bedrooms meet the space standard but are then identified as being a double bedroom. Firstly, we could not find the evidence mentioned in the local plan and without it the Council cannot adopt the space standards. Secondly, the evidence would suggest that there is not a particular problem with space standards in Fareham. As set out in our representations the HBF supports the delivery of high-quality housing but considers that high quality smaller homes can meet a particular need and that space standards should therefore only be used where it is clearly evidenced that homes are consistently coming forward well below these standards.

Mark Behrendt MRTPI  
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