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Dear Claire

### **Fareham Local Plan 2036**

Thank you for contacting Havant Borough Council on the Fareham Local Plan 2036 Regulation 18 consultation.

Our two Councils have a strong history of successful collaborative working on projects through the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire. Havant Borough Council is committed to continuing to work on sub-regional matters in a positive and constructive way.

Given our presence in the same housing market area, it is essential that our two authorities positively cooperate together in order to meet the National Planning Policy Framework's (NPPF) requirement to *"boost significantly the supply of housing"* and meet the full, objectively assessed need for housing.

Havant Borough Council is fully committed to exploring every opportunity to meet its full need for new housing. We have already prepared and adopted the innovative [Local Plan Housing Statement](#) as the first stage in the preparation of the Havant Borough Local Plan 2036 and are moving forward with the preparation of the new Local Plan. Throughout this process, new housing development is promoted in [all areas other than those specifically identified as being constrained under the NPPF](#) in order to meet the objectively assessed need for housing. We would expect Fareham Borough Council to adopt a similar approach, boosting the supply of housing, under paragraph 14 of the NPPF, in all areas which are not subject to constraints specifically identified in the NPPF to meet the full need for housing in the district and contribute fully to meeting the extremely high need for housing across the housing market area and in the southeast generally.

It is noted that Fareham Borough Council is seeking to identify sufficient housing sites to meet its need in the PUSH Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2016 update. However as you will be aware, Government have recently published a proposed new way of calculating housing need. Under the proposed methodology, the Fareham Local Plan 2036 would not meet the identified need for housing.

As such, no stone can be left unturned in the search for sustainable sites to meet this need for new housing. Whilst Havant Borough Council is committed to working collaboratively with Fareham Borough Council through PUSH, due to the constrained and built up nature of the Borough, it is highly unlikely that additional development sites can be identified to assist Fareham Borough Council in meeting its need for housing.

I look forward to continuing our positive working relationship. This will mean that, collectively, we can address the challenges of housing need and affordability to the benefit of future generations.

Yours sincerely

