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Dear Sir/Madam

Response to the Regulation 18 Consultation on the Fareham Draft Local Plan 2036

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the **Fareham Draft Local Plan 2036** regulation 18 consultation.

Housing Provision

We note Fareham Borough Council's stated intention to plan for 11,300 net new dwellings between 2011 and 2036, and notes this provision will be in excess of the requirement for Fareham in the PUSH OAN and Spatial Position Statement. We welcome the additional provision for new homes in view of the significant environmental constraints limiting the capacity to address the needs of the Southampton Housing Market Area in the west of the HMA, and in particular within New Forest District. Fareham Borough Council and PUSH will need to consider the future relevance of the PUSH OAN requirement given the Government proposals for a standard methodology for calculating housing need.

Nature Conservation

We note the fact that the HRA Screening Report for the Draft Local Plan 2036 considers the New Forest SPA/SAC/Ramsar Sites for likely significant or adverse effects on integrity. In the vicinity of the New Forest SPA/SAC, site-specific projects may provide a mitigation benefit for both the Solent SPA and the New Forest SPA/SAC, by diverting recreational pressure from sensitive sites. We would therefore like to highlight the importance of taking a cooperative and strategic approach to help to ensure significant adverse impacts on both the New Forest and Solent designated international nature conservation sites are avoided.

Yours faithfully

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