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Dear Claire,

**Fareham Local Plan 2036 (Regulation 18)**

Thank you for consulting the City Council on the Draft Fareham Local Plan and for your letter dated 16 November 2017 regarding Objectively Assessed Needs and the Duty to Cooperate. The Draft Plan does not raise any issues that warrant the City Council making formal representations, but we would make the following officer comments and suggestions.

It is noted that the Draft Plan meets the housing requirement set out in the PUSH Spatial Position Statement and extends this to 2036 based on the PUSH OAN. This is welcomed as it is important in terms of addressing strategic issues in the sub-region, under the Duty to Cooperate. However, the PUSH Position Statement's policy H1 suggests that '*local authorities should actively seek opportunities to identify additional potential for housing provision to address the shortfall against the objectively assessed need through the local plan process*' and it is not clear to what extent the Plan has sought to do this (especially as Welborne is partly intended to serve strategic needs). Also the Government's proposed standard methodology for determining OAN is likely to be in place by the time the Plan is submitted for examination, so it may be necessary to plan for a higher housing requirement.

The retention of the 'Meon' Strategic Gap (policy SP6) is welcomed and is consistent with the PUSH Spatial Position Statement.

The retention of the employment allocation at Solent 2 is welcomed (policy E2) and is consistent with the allocation in the Winchester Local Plan Part 2 (policy SHUA3). However, the proposed change of Little Park Farm from an employment allocation to an 'employment area' (policy E3) appears inconsistent with the continued allocation of the (greenfield) part in Winchester District (Winchester Local Plan Part 2 policy SHUA4).

The policy of meeting identified traveller needs within the Borough is welcomed (policy H10). However, the City Council has notified the Borough Council of its inability to meet identified needs for travelling showpersons' accommodation, which are most significant in southern Hampshire. These needs should be acknowledged as an 'identified need' within



the terms of policy H10, allowing a permissive approach to be taken towards any sites that may come forward and which meet the requirements of policy H10.

I hope the above comments are helpful and I am happy to discuss them further if you wish.

Yours sincerely,

