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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for consulting Eastleigh Borough Council on the Regulation 18 Local Plan consultation.

The Council continues to recognise the importance of collaborative working as reflected in our shared commitment through the Partnership for South Hampshire (PFSH). We also welcome the potential identification of two Strategic Growth Areas (SGAs).

However, we note that there is no indication in the supplement document of the housing numbers that could be provided for at the proposed South of Fareham SGA. It is noted that the area of this SGA extends beyond that for the recently withdrawn Newlands application (ref: P/15/1279/OA) whereby this could provide the potential for much needed new homes to be delivered over and above the 1,027 new homes initially proposed. There is also no indication within the supplement document of the overall level of housing numbers that could be provided for within the North of Downend SGA. This information would provide the basis for demonstrating how Fareham Borough could contribute towards a significant unmet housing need of 17,000 dwellings across the wider PFSH sub region whereby it is noted that the PUSH strategy review is currently underway.

The Council welcomes the contribution of the proposed Daedalus and Welborne allocations for meeting both local and wider strategic employment needs. The sub-regional importance of the Solent Enterprise Zone is also recognised in terms of the wider employment, skills and training opportunities this will continue to provide.

Finally, please also note our comments made in July 2019 with regards to the Regulation 18 Local Plan consultation whereby this Council would welcome continued dialogue on any cross-boundary matters under our statutory 'Duty to Cooperate' obligations.

I trust this is of assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries with regards to our response.

Yours faithfully

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