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Dear Sir/Madam

Fareham Borough Council Draft Local Plan Supplement

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency and giving us the opportunity to comment on your local plan supplement.

In terms of the additional sites that are included within the document, we have no comments to make on either Rookery Farm or 20 Botley Road. The proposed allocation at 1-2 The Avenue has some flood zone 2 to the south east of the red line boundary. Prior to allocation we would recommend that the implications of climate change on this flood zone and therefore the site, are considered. It is essential to ensure that development is safe for its lifetime and that risk to others is not increased.

We are pleased to see the inclusion of the policy on Managing Flood Risk and Sustainable Drainage Systems. We are supportive of the requirements in the policy which are in line with national policy in the NPPF. The policy should hopefully lead to a reduction in flood risk across the Borough but as a minimum ensure that new development does not result in any increase.

We are also very supportive of the proposed policy regarding Climate Change which we are happy to see is cross cutting and has specific reference to both flood risk and water efficiency. We would suggest that more explicit reference is made within the policy text to what those 'higher water efficiency standards' are, either with specific mention of the target itself or reference to the higher technical standard from building regulations. As it stands at the moment the policy is open to interpretation and although the higher standard is mentioned in the supporting text we suggest that this may be better placed within the policy itself.

If you have any questions regard the comments above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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