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Dear Gayle

Regulation 18 Consultation on the Fareham Draft Local Plan 2036 Supplement

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above regulation 18 consultation supplement.

To update previous NFDC Regulation 18 comments on housing provision (December 2017), the need to apply the NPPF standard housing need methodology is recognised. NNFDCC support that the final housing requirement figure will also have regard to the work of the PfSH, where partners working in accordance with the Duty to Cooperate towards a Statement of Common Ground on future sub regional growth and any unmet housing need that may need to be addressed arising from that process. In this context NFDC welcomes the inclusion of two potential strategic growth areas in addition to sites identified for Fareham's own housing requirement, as a positive step.

In this respect the Main Modifications consultation on the emerging NFDC Local Plan 2016-2036 Part 1: Planning Strategy has recently concluded. In planning for a Modified target of 521 dwellings per annum, this Council has already sought to maximise the extent to which housing provision can be made in this district without causing significant adverse environmental impacts. As noted in a recent PFSH Joint Committee report¹ (and including the New Forest National Park position) there is a shortfall relative to the standard methodology currently around 8,640 homes 2016-2036, of which around 7,100 homes are within the District Local Plan area. This shortfall will need to be considered by PfSH authorities both collectively and in individual Local Plans.

More generally please see the following [linked information](#) for Habitat Regulations Assessment purposes. It documents provisional findings from the Footprint Ecology New Forest Visitor Surveys work, which confirms that visitor catchments to the New Forest European Nature Conservation Sites extends to and beyond Fareham. It was made available for the Eastleigh Local Plan examination hearings. Footprint Ecology will be presenting their findings on 28 February 2020, in Brockenhurst and we understand that Fareham BC has been invited to attend.

¹ <https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/ITEM-9-Statement-of-Common-Ground.pdf>, Appx 1 table 3

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