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Dear Sir/Madam,

Havant Borough Council Building a Better Future Plan – Regulation 19 Publication Plan Consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Havant Borough Council Regulation 19 Publication Building a Better Future Plan. We welcome opportunities to engage and collaborate as members of the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH).

Our adopted Test Valley Borough Local Plan covers the period 2011 to 2029. At a Full Council meeting on 22nd July 2026 it was decided to move away from preparing our emerging draft local plan under the legacy system to start work on a new local plan under the new plan making system. Prior to this decision we last undertook a public consultation on a Revised Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan 2042 in summer 2025.

We note that Havant Borough have formally requested help towards meeting unmet housing need from neighbouring adjoining authorities, in addition to also notifying those authorities who form part of the same Housing Market Area (the Portsmouth HMA/PfSH East) within PfSH. Test Valley Borough Council do not fall into either of those categories. Through your representation to Test Valley's draft local plan, a commitment was sought to accommodate some unmet need through our emerging plan. Given the different HMAs, distance and geographical relationship, it is not considered appropriate for unmet needs from Havant to be met in Test Valley.

The issue of future growth across the wider region will be considered through the future Spatial Development Strategy.

With regard to employment land we note that the Publication plan identifies sufficient available land to meet economic needs and that therefore there is no unmet needs arising.

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We also note that Test Valley Borough and Havant lie in different Functional Economic Market Areas (FEMA).

We note that with regard to Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople needs there is no unmet need arising from Havant borough.

Policy 23: Recreation Disturbance on International Sites seeks to mitigate impacts from additional residential and overnight accommodation on international designated sites. We support the reference to the Bird Aware Solant Strategy that both Havant and Test Valley, along with other local authorities along the Solent coast, worked jointly to prepare.

We look forward to continuing our engagement through Partnership for South Hampshire. Please keep us informed of progress on the emerging local plan.

Yours faithfully,

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