Chichester District Council

Alex Robinson
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By email only:
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Dear Alex

HAVANT BOROUGH'S EMERGING LOCAL PLAN – DUTY TO COOPERATE

Thank you for your letter dated 5th March 2024, setting out the progress of C

Your unmet housing need is noted. As you note in the letter, Chichester District's Local Plan is close to submission and sets out a housing target below that derived from the standard method due to constrained capacity of the A27. This means we have our own unmet housing need and are no longer able to meet an element of unmet need from the South Downs National Park, as was proposed at the Preferred Approach stage. Unfortunately, this means that Chichester is not currently in a position to accommodate any unmet need from Havant Borough. Only a small part of Chichester's Plan Area, at Southbourne, shares a Housing Market Area with Havant. The Chichester Local Plan Proposed Submission proposes a significant amount of development in this area already, with further work ongoing in relation to mitigation of transport impacts from the level proposed.

It is noted that work in relation to employment requirements is ongoing and as such any potential unmet need is not yet identified/quantified.

We are of course happy to continue dialogue and are keen to finalise a Statement of Common Ground ahead of submitting our plan for examination. I understand a further meeting was held this week to discuss revisions to the latest Statement of Common Ground drafted between the two authorities and that work on this is progressing.

Yours sincerely

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