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Dear David,

East Hampshire District Council Local Plan Update

I am writing to draw your attention to the recent decision by East Hampshire District Council (EHDC) regarding its emerging Local Plan and to explain the council's stated position following changes to national planning policy and local government arrangements.

EHDC has formally agreed that it will no longer seek to submit a Local Plan under the 'legacy' planning system by the Government's deadline of 31 December 2026. The reasons for this decision are set out in the report presented to Cabinet on 28 May 2026.

As a result, EHDC has resolved to focus its planning policy work on engaging with the Government's new planning system and associated regulations, and looking ahead to considering how future plan-making aligns with the geography of the new unitary authorities.

The Cabinet report is available on our website, along with recent news releases on this subject.

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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