Havant
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Public Service Plaza
Civic Centre Road
Havant
Hampshire PO9 2AX

T 023 9244 6019

www.havant.gov.uk

Jayson Grygiel
Manager of Planning Policy
Gosport Borough Council

Enquiries to: David Hayward
[redacted]
My reference:
Your reference:
Date: 15 July 2025

Dear Jayson

Response to Gosport's formal request for Havant Borough to consider taking Gosport's unmet housing need and vice versa

Thank you for your letter dated 8th July 2025 which formally requests assistance from Havant Borough with Gosport's unmet housing need, and provides an update on the progress of Gosport Borough's Local Plan. In addition, thank you for sending across a copy of the slides that you presented at our Duty to Cooperate meeting on the 25th May 2025.

For completeness, I attach a copy of the agreed meeting note and the slides that Havant Borough Council presented for this particular meeting. We also note that this formed one of a series of meetings to discuss your unmet needs with all the local authorities that comprise the Portsmouth Housing Market Area. This reflects the approach taken by Havant Borough Council.

Thank you also for confirming Gosport Borough Council's commitment to joint working and the duty to cooperate on a regular basis. I am happy to reaffirm Havant Borough's will be happy to continue to discuss unmet housing need on a bi-lateral basis with Gosport Borough Council together with other local authorities in the Portsmouth HMA.

Response to Gosport Borough Council

From our recent Duty to Cooperate discussion, we appreciate the no-stone-unturned approach taken by the Council which has included four 'call for sites'. It is evident that significant work has been undertaken to identify all available sources of housing supply in Gosport Borough, with extensive analysis needed to support the deliverability and viability of a number of key development sites. As a consequence, it is noted that Gosport Borough is only able to identify a supply of 2,538 homes over the plan period to 2042, resulting in an unmet need of 4,823 homes.

As you know, Havant Borough Council is in a position being unable to meet its own housing need. As you have set out in your letter, Havant Borough has an unmet need of 10,622 dwellings which could reduce to 9,292 dwellings subject to the conclusion of the Winchester Local Plan Examination. Unfortunately, Havant Borough is similarly unable to assist in

meeting the unmet housing need of other local authorities including that of Gosport Borough.

Employment need and supply

Thank you for acknowledging our unmet need position on employment need. We note that Gosport Borough Council is unable to assist in meeting the unmet employment need of other local authorities at this time. I also note that the Council is currently commissioning an updated Economic Development Needs Assessment and Employment Land Availability Assessment. I should be most grateful if you could please keep me updated on the progress of these evidence base studies. In particular, it would be helpful to understand whether an updated position will be available in advance of consultation on Gosport Borough's Regulation 19 Local Plan. Perhaps we could convene a further meeting once those evidence base studies are nearing conclusion?

Yours sincerely



Strategic Planning Manager