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By email only

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Dear David,

Request from Portsmouth City Council to help meet unmet housing need under the Duty to Cooperate

Portsmouth City Council is currently preparing its draft Local Plan, which it expects to publish for pre-submission consultation in May 2024, in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

Boosting the supply of homes in the City is an important element of the new Portsmouth Local Plan and is in accordance with national policy. The City Council has carried out a thorough search for new housing sites in the City looking at all possible sources of supply in its Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA). This will be published as a key part of the Core Document Library supporting the Local Plan consultation in May. The HELAA sets out a supply of land to accommodate 13,603 homes in the City for the plan period 2020 to 2040. This in turn provides an annualised supply figure of 680 homes per year.

The housing need for the City using the standard methodology is currently 899 homes per year. Over the plan period this is 17,980 new homes. Further comprehensive information on housing need in Portsmouth is set out in the Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA), which will also be published as part of our Core Document Library in May.

There is therefore an unmet housing need in the City of 4,377 homes over the plan period, which is 219 homes per year. The adopted Fareham Local Plan makes provision for 800 homes to help meet Portsmouth's identified need. This reduces the total unmet need in the City to 3,577 homes equating to 179 homes on an annualised basis.

The Duty to Cooperate is enshrined in law through Section 33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. It is also included within the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Policy Guidance specifically in terms of planning strategically across local boundaries. Under the Duty to Cooperate, the City Council is formally requesting Havant Borough Council to assist in meeting the unmet housing need of

Portsmouth of 3,577 homes. The City Council will also be approaching our other neighbouring local authorities with the same request and I will keep you updated on progress with our negotiations.

I do understand that you will need time to consider this matter. I would appreciate a written response by Monday 19 February. Please do feel free to contact me in the interim if you would like to discuss this further. I also look forward to progressing our Statement of Common Ground, which will address all our strategic cross boundary issues including housing.

Yours sincerely

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