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SENT BY EMAIL

Dear David,

Re: Update from Havant Borough Council on Unmet Development Needs.

Thank you for your letter dated 10 August 2026 in relation to unmet housing and employment development needs in Havant Borough. Following your letter, we note:

- The Regulation 19 publication consultation of the new Havant Local Plan;
- The content of your Statement of Cooperation (June 2026);
- There is no longer a request for assistance with unmet employment need;
- There is an unmet need of 9,569 homes in Havant Borough up to 2043; and
- Your request to work together to further boost the supply of housing should there be new opportunities.

In terms of your Regulation 19 public consultation, we will formally respond to this public consultation in due course. As for your request about working together to further boost the supply of housing, the SDNPA position remains the same as set out in the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) signed in March and April 2026 between both authorities. Within this SoCG, Paragraph 3.13 sets out the agreed position that: "*The two authorities are satisfied that each other are leaving no stone unturned to meet their own housing need. The respective positions on housing need and supply are noted, and it is agreed that neither authority can assist the other with accommodating unmet need*".

Although we are not able to accommodate any unmet needs arising from Havant Borough, we are committed to continuing liaison and joint working with Havant Borough Council towards achieving effective outcomes.

We wish you well with the progression of your local plan.

Yours sincerely

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