Outlook

Re: Housing Need in Havant Borough

From Daniel Hawes [redacted]
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To Ellis, Jade [redacted] Hayward, David [redacted]

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Dear David Hayward

Thank you for your letter of 11th March 2026 concerning unmet needs for housing arising in Havant Borough.

The Council is not in a position to agree to meet any unmet housing needs.

We are at the start of a new local plan process. We cannot yet demonstrate that we can meet our own housing needs. In December 2024 our local housing need figure increased from approximately 300 homes per annum to currently 771 homes per annum.

Regardless of our current local plan position, we do not consider Havant to be a 'neighbouring area' under the NPPF. Havant is on the south coast whilst Hart is on the northern boundary of Hampshire adjoining Surrey and Berkshire. The full north-south extent of East Hampshire District Council separates us. Our position is therefore that Hart is under no obligation under national policy to consider unmet housing needs arising in Havant.

You refer to the fact we are in the same area for a future Spatial Development Strategy, but we do not see that as a relevant factor at this point in time. The SDS will be a new vehicle or distributing growth around Hampshire but it is not yet in place and we are currently operating to the NPPF.

This response has been signed off by the Portfolio Holder for Planning Policy, Cllr Graham Cockrill.

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Dear Planning Policy Team

Please see attached letter.

Please let us know if it'd be useful to discuss at all.

Kind regards,
Jade

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Advanced notice of leave: None upcoming



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