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Dear Jade,

Thank you for your letter of 11th March updating me on the progress of your local plan and housing need and supply. This is a formal response to your request to accommodate the unmet housing needs of Havant Borough Council.

As you may be aware, we adopted our Local Plan in February 2019. Having regard to the date of adoption, the Council has undertaken a review of the Local Plan and has concluded that a full update of the Local Plan policies is needed. In March 2026, we published a timetable for preparing a new Local Plan which confirms the intention to prepare a new Local Plan under the new plan-making system.

Housing Need

Using the Standard Method, Rushmoor's annual housing requirement is 599 dwellings per annum. This is a 37% increase on the adopted Local Plan housing requirement of 436 dwellings per annum. Our latest Five Year Housing Land Supply Position Statement published in March 2026 identifies sites to deliver 2,979 dwellings, equivalent to 4.74 years. Our latest Land Availability Assessment is currently still being finalised for publication, but the previous version (2024) identified a supply of 5,952 dwellings over 15 years including a windfall allowance, which equates to 397 dwellings per annum, significantly below the annual housing requirement using the Standard Method. The position has not changed significantly since 2024.

Whilst further work will be undertaken through the preparation of a new Local Plan to identify additional deliverable and developable sites, due to the highly constrained and urban nature of Rushmoor, we are unlikely to be in a position where an oversupply is identified.
Additionally, the whole of Rushmoor is within 5km of the Thames Basin Heaths SPA, which means that any net residential development must be mitigated through the provision of SANG. Again, due to the highly constrained and urban nature of the borough, SANG is currently in short supply and it will continue to be a challenge to deliver sufficient SANG to accommodate housing growth in the borough moving forward. Therefore, Rushmoor is not able to accommodate any unmet housing needs of Havant Borough Council.

Yours sincerely,



Tim Mills
Executive Head of Property and Growth