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Statement of Cooperation

How the Council has maintained cooperation on cross boundary matters

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Executive Summary

1. This Statement demonstrates how Havant Borough Council has maintained strategic cooperation across local planning authorities under the duty-to-cooperate throughout in the preparation of the Building a Better Future Plan. Although recent legislative changes have removed the Duty to Cooperate as a legal compliance requirement, the Council has continued to prioritise effective cross-boundary working to ensure the plan is 'positively prepared' and 'effective' under the tests of soundness and complies with the 2024 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

Strategic Context and Key Challenges

2. Havant Borough is mainly urban in nature, has multiple environmental designations and its land supply is significantly constrained. Since the start of the plan making process, the Council's housing need figure has risen significantly. However, the significant constraints and limited land supply mean that Havant will be an authority which will be unable to sustainably meet its housing and employment needs. The Council has left no stone unturned to meets as much need as sustainably possible within its environmental limits. This has led the Council to establish capacity-based development requirements, with a development strategy which has had to leave no stone unturned to identify all possible sources of housing and commercial supply. In tandem with this, the Council has taken robust and extensive collaboration and engagement with its neighbouring authorities particularly in respect of unmet development needs.

Approach to Duty to Cooperate

3. The Borough Council has approached the Duty to Cooperate (DtC) and maintained effective cooperation in three main ways:

   a. Sub-regionally through the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH)

   b. Individual discussions with neighbouring authorities and other authorities in the same Housing Market Area (HMA)

   c. Individual discussions with statutory consultees

4. This work is evidenced through formal correspondence between these authorities, Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) as well as joint evidence base studies at a sub-regional level.

Key Cross-Boundary Outcomes

<u>Housing need and supply</u>

5. Where the Havant Borough is unable to sustainably accommodate its full housing need within its administrative boundary, it has worked with other authorities to consider whether any unmet housing need can be met elsewhere within those authorities' areas.

6. Key policy outcomes relating to housing include:

- The Winchester District Local Plan commits 70% of its unmet housing needs allowance to Havant Borough (345 of 495 dwellings).

- East Hampshire District Council is in the early stages of preparing a Local Plan under the new plan making system. It is currently unknown whether EHDC will be able to meet its own disaggregated housing needs, or the extent to which it can meet unmet needs from elsewhere.

- Ongoing dialogue with Portsmouth City and Gosport Borough which are similarly constrained authorities and are unable to meet their own housing need, and so are therefore unable to assist Havant with its unmet housing need.

Employment need and supply

7. Havant Borough is similarly unable to meet the need for employment need, it has therefore worked with neighbouring authorities to consider whether any unmet housing need can be met elsewhere within those authorities' areas.

8. Key policy outcomes relating to employment include:

- Portsmouth City Council originally agreed to provide a total of 31,261 surplus office floorspace to help meet Havant Borough's unmet office needs. Updated monitoring data has resulted in a decrease surplus of employment floorspace to 22,743 square metres
- Fareham Borough Council has committed 19,973 square metres of floorspace towards Havant Borough's remaining unmet employment need
- Sub-regional work was used to update the Council's evidence on local employment need

Environment

9. Joint working with neighbouring authorities has addressed various environmental matters, including the following key policy outcomes:

- Nutrient neutrality, through the development of the Council's own strategic mitigation scheme supported by third party mitigation schemes identified by the Solent Mitigation Partnership
- Initial work to support Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) delivery including the exploration of the potential for Council owned land to BNG
- Recreational disturbance mitigation which is provided by Bird Aware Solent

Transport and Infrastructure

10. Collaboration with Hampshire County Council, Solent Transport, and neighbouring authorities has supported the following key policy outcomes:

- The production of a Strategic Transport Assessment which has been prepared in collaboration with National Highways and Hampshire County Council as the Local Highways Authority.
- The 'decide and provide' approach advocated by Hampshire County Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP) 4 has informed the Submission Building a Better Future Plan.

Ongoing Cooperation

11. The Council will continue to work collaboratively with neighbouring authorities and partners to:

- Address remaining unmet housing and employment needs within the South East Hampshire Housing Market Area
- Support delivery of sub-regional environmental mitigation and infrastructure to support growth through the Partnership for South Hampshire

- Provide input and actively contribute to devolution in the Hampshire and Solent devolution area, and the emerging Spatial Development Strategy.

Summary

12. This Statement provides an overview of the effective joint working that Havant Borough Council has undertaken throughout the preparation of the Building a Better Future Plan, both on a bi-lateral basis and sub-regionally through PfSH which has enabled the development of a shared evidence base as part of the Spatial Position Statement, alongside a coordinated approach to the delivery of environmental mitigation and infrastructure delivery across the sub-region.

13. The Council has demonstrated effective strategic planning across neighbouring authorities to effectively address key strategic issues including housing and employment development, environmental matters and transport and infrastructure. Cross boundary agreements are documented in Statements of Common Ground, which are supported by ongoing arrangements for continued discussions and engagement to ensure that strategic matters are effectively addressed going forwards.

1. Introduction

1.1. This Statement outlines how Havant Borough Council (HBC) has maintained effective cooperation across local planning authority boundaries on strategic matters, under the 'duty to cooperate'. It is supported by Statements of Common Ground with neighbouring authorities and other statutory consultees. It has been prepared to accompany the submission of the Havant Borough Building a Better Future Plan for examination.

Duty to Cooperate

1.2. On the 25 March 2026, a number of new provisions from the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act came into force. These regulations provide for the transition to the 'new style' plan making system, whilst importantly saving the relevant Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 enabling development plans to progress to adoption under transitional arrangements. HBC is submitting its Local Plan under the legacy plan making system, to be examined under the 2024 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) though it is acknowledged that a new NPPF was published on 17 August 2026.

1.3. Significantly however, the regulations do not 'save' the Duty to Co-operate in relation to planning of sustainable development, set out in Section 33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Although the legislative requirements remove the duty to cooperate as a legal compliance requirement, paragraph 24 of the 2024 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires local planning authorities to continue to cooperate with each other on strategic matters.

1.4. The Building a Better Future Plan has been prepared in accordance with the 2024 version of the NPPF and will be submitted for Examination under the legacy plan making system. Therefore, all references to the NPPF in this document relate to the 2024 version. The NPPF emphasises the need for cross boundary cooperation, this Statement therefore sets out how Havant Borough Council has undertaken that cooperation. The Council considers that its cross boundary strategic work has been effective and robust.

1.5. For a Local Plan to be found sound under the 2024 NPPF it needs to be 'justified' and thus 'based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters that have been dealt with rather than deferred, as evidenced by the statement of common ground.'

Purpose of this Statement

1.6. The purpose of this Statement is to demonstrate that Havant Borough has maintained cooperation with plan making authorities throughout the preparation of the Local Plan and in line with the NPPF and National Planning Practice Guidance.

1.7. The Building a Better Future Plan is at Regulation 22 submission stage.

1.8. Throughout the preparation of the Building a Better Future Plan, the Council has actively and constructively engaged with key partners on strategic cross-boundary issues. This Statement documents those activities and highlights the outcomes of such activities, demonstrating how the Council has maintained effective cooperation.

1.9. Established practice recognises that the duty to cooperate is ongoing up until the date of submission of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State (Regulation 22). This Statement has been subject to revision right up to the submission of the Local Plan to capture the ongoing cooperation and engagement that the Council has undertaken.

2. Strategic Context

Strategic Geography

2.1. Havant Borough is located on the coastal plain between the South Downs and the Solent, within the southeast of Hampshire. Havant Borough covers the market towns of Havant and Waterlooville, Leigh Park which is a suburb to the north of Havant town, Emsworth a historic coastal town on the border with West Sussex, and Hayling Island which is connected to the mainland via a bridge. Figure 1 shows Havant Borough and the neighbouring Districts of Portsmouth City, Winchester, East Hampshire, Chichester and the South Downs National Park Authority.



Figure 1: Havant Borough and its neighbouring areas

2.2. Havant Borough is mainly urban in nature though there are some areas which are more rural in character, notably that of Hayling Island. Since the Borough's designation in 1973, the Borough has seen extensive growth that has pushed the extent of the built-up area to most of its administrative boundary. The Borough has multiple competing constraints including the Chichester Harbour National Landscape which encompasses the eastern edges of Hayling Island and the southern part of Emsworth; and the northern part of the Borough which adjoins and falls within the setting of the South Downs National Park. In combination with this the southern part of the Borough is affected by coastal constraints including flood risk and ecology where land is functionally linked to the Chichester and Langstone Harbours Special Protection Areas. The Borough's constrained geography mean that are few areas that are left to develop, and those areas of least constraint – Southleigh and Dunsbury Park already identified for development.

2.3. The previous Local Plan indicated how Havant Borough could just about meet overall housing need at the point of submission in 2021. This relied on a significant source of housing supply being delivered from town centre regeneration, but the Inspectors' report identified concerns about the deliverability of housing supply (paragraph 51)[1] prior to the Plan's withdrawal from Examination in 2022. Since then, Havant Borough has seen further rises to its housing need figure based on the Government's standard method. As of 2026, Havant Borough has a local housing need figure of 879 dwellings per annum.

2.4. The previous Local Plan Inspectors' highlighted that Havant Borough may be an authority that cannot sustainably meet its housing needs (paragraph 52). Indeed the land supply in Havant Borough is significantly constrained. The Borough is already heavily built up with only limited land outside of the existing urban area remaining available for development. However, the Council is a pro-development authority with an ambitious regeneration agenda, and the Council is keen to deliver this alongside other objectives including delivering more affordable housing for the Borough's residents and addressing international issues such as climate change. The Borough's development strategy therefore seeks to focus as much development as possible on the existing urban areas, brownfield sites and regeneration in the town centres.

2.5. A comprehensive review of all sites and broad locations was therefore undertaken as part of the Council's Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA). This included a comprehensive desktop review to ensure that it fully examined all opportunities for development, including land not actively promoted. Despite this, the Borough Council is unable to meet its full development needs and instead the Local Plan proposes realistic capacity-based development requirements for both housing and employment.

2.6. Throughout the plan's preparation, Havant Borough Council has undertaken extensive collaborative working with its neighbouring to accommodate its unmet development needs. This has resulted in Winchester City Council (WCC) agreeing to accommodate some of Havant Borough's unmet housing need and Portsmouth City Council and Fareham Borough Council agreeing to accommodate Havant Borough's unmet employment need.

2.7. The unmet housing need allowance set out within the Adopted Winchester Adopted Local Plan 2020-2040 can contribute to meeting the needs of the adjoining authorities of Havant and Portsmouth. This is confirmed in a Statement of Common Ground between the two authorities. The Adopted Local Plan apportions an unmet needs allowance of 495 dwellings between Havant (70%) and Portsmouth (30%), 346 and 150 dwellings respectively.

2.8. Portsmouth City Council originally agreed to provide a total of 31,261 sqm of employment floorspace towards HBC's unmet employment needs. However, updated monitoring data resulted in a decrease of surplus employment floorspace to 22,743 sqm which is entirely office floorspace. This contribution from Portsmouth reduces Havant Borough's unmet need for office demand under the high end growth scenario to 12,515 sqm. This is set out in the Statement of Common Ground between the two authorities.

2.9. Fareham Borough Council has also offered Havant Borough formal assistance with its unmet employment need and is willing to commit 19,973 square metres of employment floorspace. This position has been formalised as part of a Statement of Common Ground between the South East Hampshire authorities. This has been recently reaffirmed through a bi-lateral Statement of Common

[1] https://www.havant.gov.uk/media/8718/download?inline

Ground with Fareham Borough Council following the receipt of Havant Borough Council's Employment Land Review Addendum.

2.10. All Statements of Common Ground are published in the Council's examination library[2].

Plan to date

2.11. Following on from the Regulation 19 Publication Plan consultation, the Borough Council is now moving forward with submission of the Plan for examination. Table 1 sets out the stages of formal consultation undertaken on the Plan to date and the Local Plan timetable for going up to adoption as set out in the Local Development Scheme (December 2025)[3].

Table 1: Building a Better Future timetable for production

Timetable for production		
Initial consultation Regulation 18	Consultation on the Building a Better Future Plan contents	✓ October 2022
	Consultation on the Draft Local Plan	✓ June 2025
Publication Regulation 19	Consultation on the Publication Local Plan	✓ July 2026
Submission Regulation 22	Submission of Plan to Secretary of State	✓ November 2026
Examination Regulation 24	Examination of the Plan by an appointed Inspector	Q1-4 2027 (dates TBC from Secretary of State)

[2] https://www.havant.gov.uk/planning-services/planning-policy/local-plan/statements-common-ground
[3] https://www.havant.gov.uk/planning-services/planning-policy/local-plan/local-development-scheme-lds

How we have approached the Duty to Cooperate

2.12. The Borough Council has approached the Duty to Cooperate (DtC) and maintained effective cooperation in three main ways:

a. Sub-regionally through the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH)

b. Individual discussions with neighbouring authorities[4] and other authorities in the same Housing Market Area (HMA)[5]

c. Individual DtC discussions with statutory consultees

2.13. There is overlap between these three strands. For example, the neighbouring authorities with whom there are individual SoCG are also members of PfSH. The Council has also taken part in collective discussions with South East Hampshire authorities (including Gosport Borough Council and Portsmouth City Council) as all three authorities have unmet development needs in the same housing market area.

2.14. The Council's approach has been to focus discussions with its neighbours and other authorities in the same the HMA. However, given the scale of unmet housing need that exists, it has been necessary to engage with other authorities in the Hampshire and the Solent devolution area, as these will be covered by the same Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) in due course.

2.15. The Hampshire and the Solent Combined County Authority (HSCCA) was consulted at Regulation 19 (Publication) stage of the Plan following its formal establishment on the 4 June 2026. Though no substantive response was received given the authority was still being set up at the time of the response, the Council will need to work closely with the HSCCA as work on the SDS progresses. This will be of particular relevance with any early plan review.

2.16. Further detail on how the Council has undertaken engagement is found at Appendix 2 of this Statement which provides a record of engagement and their outcomes in support of the Building a Better Future Plan. Appendix 3 of the Statement provides further detail on partnership meetings of which Havant Borough Council is a member.

The Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH)

2.17. Havant Borough Council is an active member of PfSH, which was originally formed in 2003 as the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH). It is a partnership of district and unitary authorities, together with Hampshire County Council (HCC) and the New Forest National Park Authority, working together to support the sustainable growth of the South Hampshire sub-region. The area covered by PfSH and the authorities involved is shown in Map 2.

[4] East Hampshire District, Chichester District, Portsmouth City, South Downs National Park, and Winchester District
[5] Fareham Borough and Gosport Borough



Map 2: Partnership for South Hampshire

2.18. The members of PfSH are as follows:

- Eastleigh Borough Council
- Fareham Borough Council
- Gosport Borough Council
- Hampshire County Council
- Havant Borough Council
- New Forest District Council
- New Forest National Park Authority
- Portsmouth City Council
- Southampton City Council
- Test Valley Borough Council
- Winchester City Council

2.19. In addition, joint working through PfSH has been undertaken in conjunction with the following bodies:

- Enterprise M3 LEP (now disbanded)
- Environment Agency
- Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Nature Partnership
- Highways England

- Homes England
- Natural England
- Solent LEP (now disbanded)
- Solent Transport
- Portsmouth Water
- Southern Water

PfSH Structure

2.20. PfSH operates around the key principle of 'subsidiarity'. PfSH is a strategic partnership and deals with genuinely strategic/sub-regional matters, where it can add value to the efforts of the individual partners.

2.21. PfSH does not get involved in direct service delivery – or the statutory service roles of our member local authorities. PfSH's key role is in co-ordination and oversight of both policy development and delivery at a strategic level.

2.22. The partnership has a published constitution and operates at both an officer and political level. The Joint Committee is the decision making body of the partnership and consists of an elected representative of each of the authorities – usually the Leader.

2.23. PfSH also has an Overview and Scrutiny Committee consisting of a councillor from each member authority, to consider referred matters on behalf of the Joint Committee and to make recommendations to it. The Joint Committee itself is the decision making body for PfSH. The membership consists of the leaders (or nominated representative) of the twelve councils, supported by their chief executives and the PfSH executive director.

2.24. In addition to the committees there are several officer groups which develop policy, discuss cross boundary issues and provide advice to the committees. The PfSH Chief Executives Group meets regularly and provides strategic officer overview of the partnership and its work. PfSH Policy Officers Group (PfSH POG) comprises policy officers from all of the PfSH authorities to discuss amongst other items, findings of studies commissioned collectively by PfSH, such as the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, for the area. In addition there are sub groups such as the Natural Environment Group and East Hants Catchment Partnership that focus on addressing specific issues. A record of PfSH meetings and events with their outcomes is set out in Appendix 1 of this document and Appendix 2 sets out all the PfSH groups that meet regularly.

Collaborative Working

2.25. The Partnership has a strong track record in collaborative working to achieve common goals in South Hampshire. The Partnership was heavily involved in the production of a sub-regional strategy for development that formed part of the South East Plan. This strategy was tested through public examination and when adopted by the Secretary of State, formed part of the development plan at that time and informed the production of local plans.

2.26. The ethos of collaborative cross boundary working continued in South Hampshire after the abolition of regional planning and the revocation for the South East Plan in 2013. As well as joint working between member authorities, PfSH works with partner agencies in the sub-region and Government departments to deliver joint strategies and pool resources. PfSH has successfully developed a number of innovative solutions to challenging issues and thus unlocked development in the sub-region whilst recognising its constraints.

2.27. A number of SoCGs have been produced by PfSH over the years. The last one was signed by Joint Committee[6], which includes leaders or representatives of all authorities, in September 2023. It sets out the key strategic cross-boundary planning issues including housing needs and the methodology and framework for the preparation of the new Spatial Position Statement (SPS)[7] published in December 2023. It set out a snapshot of housing need and supply in the sub-region divided up between its constituent local authorities from 2022-36. The overall deficit was estimated to be 14,531 homes at that time. The SoCG states that that the shortfall is best defined as need that is not yet planned for, rather than need that it is definitively unmet. It states that the shortfall would diminish over time as local plan reviews get underway and emerging plans are progressed.

2.28. The SoCG identifies six local planning authorities that are less likely/unlikely to meet their housing needs: New Forest District, New Forest National Park Authority, Southampton, Gosport, Portsmouth and Havant. It states that the PfSH authorities are taking a two-stage approach to addressing the needs of those authorities that are unable to meet their housing needs in full. In the first stage, the following authorities are identified as more likely to be able to meet and potentially exceed their housing need: East Hampshire, Eastleigh, Fareham, Test Valley and Winchester. The precise contribution from each authority will be determined through their respective local plan processes.

2.29. In the longer term and in stage two, Broad Areas of Search for Growth identified in the SPS will be considered through Local Plans. These were identified by considering the combination of a relative absence of strategic constraints, relative proximity to opportunities and services, and their scope in principle for good public and active travel connectivity. The broad areas would require further investigation and technical work to determine their suitability as specific locations for development, and to test their capacity, deliverability, infrastructure and mitigation needs to achieve allocations in Local Plans. A preliminary assessment suggests that the areas of search have a combined capacity for around 7,500 dwellings, subject to deliverability, infrastructure and mitigation.

2.30. Growth in the sub-region is constrained as it is bounded by two national parks, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the coast/estuaries, a range of international, national and local biodiversity designations and it needs to accommodate land for biodiversity mitigation and net gain. South Hampshire is already heavily built up in places, with areas of valued countryside often important in landscape terms or as settlement gaps protecting the identity of individual towns and villages. Some areas are less accessible by public transport. The SoCG states that the need to accommodate significantly more homes for people in the medium and longer term, including in the areas of search, will need to be carefully tested through local plans against all of these important characteristics to achieve the optimum solution.

2.31. The PfSH SPS was approved by Joint Committee in December 2023. It aims to provide guiding principles for local plans to help deliver sustainable development within South Hampshire. It should be noted that it is not an upper tier plan with which future local plans will need to conform. It does, however, help inform the preparation and strategic co-ordination of local plans under the duty to cooperate. Table 1 of the SPS compares housing need and supply along with shortfalls and surpluses for each local authority in PfSH as a snapshot in time. On this basis the latest shortfall is

[6] https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/ITEM9-1.pdf
[7] https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.push.gov.uk%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2023%2F12%2FPfSH-Spatial-Position-Statement-6-December-2023.doc&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK

11,771 dwellings (2023 – 2036). Several evidence based documents[8] supporting the SPS were published at the same time including the Broad Areas of Growth Assessments.

2.32. The SPS retains the strategic principle of focusing growth on cities/urban areas first to maximise housing delivery within existing urban areas and identifies a number of existing strategic development locations in SPS7. It also identifies new Broad Areas of Search for Growth in SPS8 as follows:

- South-east/east of Eastleigh Town (Eastleigh)
- Havant Town Centre (Havant)
- Waterlooville Town Centre (Havant)
- Southleigh (Havant)
- East of Romsey (Test Valley)
- South-west of Chandler's Ford (Test Valley)
- East of Botley (Winchester)

2.33. The Statement sets out that the sites that fall within the Broad Areas of Search for Growth will need to be tested through the local plan preparation process, including against other sites that may be available or promoted within individual local planning authority areas. The local plan process will also need to resolve the quantum and form of development on sites and the infrastructure that will need to be provided to support development and make it sustainable.

2.34. Since this Statement was approved, the Government's standard method for calculating housing need has changed from a population based to a housing stock-based algorithm, and the affordability ratio has also changed. As a result, the housing need figures for the PfSH area as a whole have increased. PfSH Joint Committee approved the following Statement in December 2025:

"PfSH approved a Spatial Position Statement in December 2023. It sets out strategic principles to guide development. It also sets out the balance between the need and supply of new dwellings across the sub region, identifying a shortfall in supply still to be planned for of 11,771 dwellings to 2036. It recognises that some authorities are at an early stage in plan preparation, and that as part of this plan making work additional sites will be identified to meet unmet needs. The Statement sets out a two stage process to addressing needs, first identifying the authorities which should be able to meet or exceed their needs, and second by identifying broad areas of search for growth to be considered further through local plans.

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The national proposals to reintroduce statutory strategic planning will require the preparation of a Spatial Development Strategy by the proposed Mayoral Combined Authority for Hampshire and the Solent. A key output of this work will be meeting housing need. In light of this, PfSH do not intend to update the Spatial Position Statement. However, in the meantime PfSH continue to discuss the latest position to inform the preparation of each authority's local plan in accordance with the 'duty to

[8] https://www.push.gov.uk/work/planning-and-infrastructure/push-position-statement/

co-operate'. This is supplemented by the preparation of Statements of Common Ground between individual authorities and groups of authorities as relevant."

PfSH Collaborative Working with External Partners

2.35. The core membership of PfSH comprise the local authorities in the sub-region. However, in addition statutory undertakers and other organisations have undertaken joint working with PfSH on specific projects and are represented in the different PfSH officer groups. Examples of this joint working are provided below:

- Environment Agency - The Environment Agency is a standing member of the PfSH Natural Environment Group and provide input and steer into the work being undertaken by that group.
- Homes England - Homes England is represented on PfSH Joint Committee as observers.
- Natural England - Natural England is a standing member of the PfSH Natural Environment Group and provide input and steer into the work being undertaken by that group. Natural England also regularly attend and input into PfSH Joint Committee.
- Solent LEP - PfSH worked with the Solent LEP (since disbanded) as part of the Southern England Local Economic Partnership. The LEP has been replaced by the Solent Growth Partnership.
- Solent Transport - Solent Transport worked as part of the steering group for the development of the PfSH SPS (2023) alongside the LPA's and Transport Authorities. The Solent Transport Model developed by Solent Transport was used in the evidence supporting the development of the SPS.
- Portsmouth Water - Portsmouth Water is a standing member of the PfSH Natural Environment Group and provides input and steer into the work being undertaken by that group.
- Southern Water - Southern Water is a standing member of the PfSH Natural Environment Group and provides input and steer into the work being undertaken by that group.
- The PfSH Statement of Common Ground (2023) also states an ambition to work with further partners including the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Nature Partnership and National Highways, going forward.

Further PfSH Joint Work

2.36. In addition to the SPS and SoCG, PfSH has successfully tackled a number of complex sub-regional issues particularly relating to nature conservation through joint working. Indeed, it is the only area of the country to have developed a successful solution to nutrient neutrality.

2.37. In 2018, PfSH formed a Water Quality Working Group to coordinate a PfSH-wide response to water resource issues including nutrient pollution in the Solent. This followed on from the completion of the Integrated Water Management Study 20189 and the advice from Natural England on nutrient neutrality for new housing development. The group also includes local authorities from beyond the PfSH boundary, but within the Solent catchment that need to address this issue such as Chichester District Council.

2.38. PfSH employed a Strategic Environmental Planning Officer (SEPO) whose initial objective was to provide a strategic response to the issue of nutrient neutrality across the impacted areas of the

[9] https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Integrated-Water-Management-Study-2018.pdf

Solent. The role has since evolved and now sits under the umbrella of the Solent Mitigation Partnership (SMP). The SMP has a team of officers working on nutrient issues and Biodiversity Net Gain in the Solent. Their work streams include facilitating the development of a nutrient mitigation market in the Solent and conducting supply and demand analyses to identify areas most in need of mitigation.

2.39. PfSH and the SMP has been proactive in solving nutrient neutrality in the Solent[10] since the introduction of the requirement in 2019. Through effective communication and collaboration with stakeholders across the catchment, PfSH has kept on top of the issue and ensured that new homes and overnight accommodation can be built without an adverse impact on the water quality of international nature conservation designations in the Solent[11]. PfSH has ensured that nutrient mitigation has been available across the catchment since 2021 with further mitigation sites in the planning pipeline for the future. The work that PfSH has done on nutrients means that it is far ahead of other areas and catchments in delivering a solution for nutrient neutrality.

2.40. Phosphorus mitigation is now a requirement in the Itchen catchment within the Solent following the publication of nutrient neutrality guidance in March 2022 by Natural England. There is already some mitigation in the area and projects in the pipeline, but a larger solution is still needed to meet the demand.

2.41. As well as providing a single point of contact to the development industry and landowners who may be able to offer mitigation solutions, the SMP also monitors the supply and demand relating to nutrient neutrality mitigation and engages with stakeholders to facilitate mitigation schemes coming forward to satisfy demand.

2.42. The SMP are carrying out significant work in the preparation for the national implementation of Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG), including co-ordination of a PfSH wide piece of work looking at the potential for BNG on Council owned land. The SMP has in addition to its nutrients work focused on supporting the PfSH authorities in the preparation for mandatory BNG.

2.43. The SMP team have most recently been focusing upon delivering a supply of sites in the sub region to deliver nutrient mitigation for the PfSH authorities. This includes sites at Stubbington and in the Meon Valley. These sites will be owned and managed on the behalf of PfSH. The PfSH SMP is working with the LPAs including Havant Borough to decide on how credits created through these sites will be priced and distributed. The sites in some instances also have the potential to deliver offsite BNG.

2.44. In December 2025 the SMP took a report to PfSH Joint Committee. The report set out an analysis of nutrient supply and demand across the PfSH region, divided between the river catchments in the area.

2.45. The PfSH authorities have carried out significant joint working to address issues arising from recreational disturbance impacts on protected Brent Geese and Waders that overwinter in the Solent on mudflats and supporting habitat across the Solent. Bird Aware Solent[12] was set up as a joint initiative between the South Hampshire local authorities including HBC in order to lessen potential recreational impacts from increased local housing development. The initiative is run by the

[10] https://www.push.gov.uk/our-partnership-and-nutrient-neutrality/
[11] This includes Chichester and Langstone Harbours Special Protection Area (SPA)/Ramsar, Solent and Southampton Water SPA/Ramsar, Solent Maritime Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Portsmouth Harbour SPA/Ramsar.
[12] https://birdaware.org/solent/

Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership (SRMP), which is made up of 19 organisations and funded by contributions from all new residential dwellings within 5.6km of the SPAs.

2.46. The Bird Aware Partnership has gone from strength to strength first winning two awards at the Royal Town Planning Institute South East annual awards in 2018. The first award was for ‘excellence in planning for the natural environment’. This award was given in recognition of work that helps to protect iconic bird species such as the curlew and the brent goose. Bird Aware Solent also received the prestigious award for overall regional winner. In 2019 Bird Aware Solent won the “Planning and the Natural Environment” category at the National Planning Awards and in 2020 it also received the 'Sustainability Campaign' public sector winner from the Institute of Environmental Managers and Assessors. Following these successes, Bird Aware has extended its influence to other parts of the country most notably through the creation of Bird Aware Essex Coast.

2.47. Detail of the mitigation measures is set out in the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy. The main measures being implemented through the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy comprise a team of rangers to work with coastal visitors and communities to educate them about the birds and the adverse impact of recreational disturbance on them. Additional work is taking place to encourage responsible dog walking and visits to less sensitive parts of the coast. This work is particularly important as research shows that around 40% of bird disturbance occurs as a result of interactions with dogs. The Bird Aware Solent Strategy[13] was published in September 2024. This includes mitigation measures for the impact of recreational disturbance upon summer breeding birds and has an end date of 2050.

2.48. The East Hampshire River's Catchment partnership is another PfSH sub group. The group is primarily concerned with nutrient neutrality and Biodiversity Net Gain impacting the rivers of the Eastern part of Hampshire and feeding into the Solent.

South East Hampshire Local Planning Authorities Joint Working

2.49. GBC, PCC and HBC have been working together since May 2025 to address cross boundary strategic issues in SEH. The initial focus of their work was to identify a robust combined unmet housing and employment need position. This work was initiated as all three LPAs were at a similarly advanced stage of plan making namely approaching Pre Submission. Furthermore, the three local authorities are located entirely in the same housing market area and functional economic market area of SEH. The three authorities are all constrained in their ability to deliver housing growth by their physical geography and considerable constraints such as SPA / Ramsar sites.

2.50. As a result of these constraints the three authorities have unmet housing needs which they needed to ask their more rural neighbours (EHDC, FBC and WCC) to their north to help accommodate. The SEH authorities established a combined housing and employment need, supply and unmet need position in October 2025. This showed that there was an unmet housing need figure for the three local authorities of 18,347 homes and 19,973m2 of employment floorspace. This work provided clarity on unmet need in SEH and provided a basis for joined up discussions with neighbouring LPAs as they progressed their plans.

2.51. The unmet housing need figure for SEH is considerably higher than the shortfall of 11,771 identified for the whole of South Hampshire in the SPS published by the PfSH in 2023. The main driver for

this increase is the change of the standard method from being population based to stock based and the calculation over a longer timeframe, based on emerging local plans for those areas.

2.52. A positive outcome of joint working has been that surplus of employment floorspace in Portsmouth and Fareham has been committed to Havant.

2.53. GBC, HBC and PCC formally requested EHDC, FBC and WCC to assist in meeting the unmet housing need of 18,347 homes and unmet employment need of 19,973 m2 of new employment floorspace with joint letters having been sent in October 2025 to this effect. The letters were supported by appendix tables which set out the following:

- The housing and employment need and supply in the local authority areas of Portsmouth, Gosport and Havant
- A summary of the key constraints and Local Plan approaches for the three LPAs
- A summary of the Local Planning Authorities approached by the three LPAs in respect of accommodating unmet housing and employment.

2.54. EHDC, FBC and WCC are all partially located in SEH and so share the same housing market area and functional economic market area as the SEH Authorities. They are at different stages of plan making.

2.55. The three authorities of EHDC, FBC and WCC all responded to request to assist in meeting unmet housing need. EHDC confirmed that due consideration would be given to the unmet needs of the SEH Authorities but that they were currently uncertain if they could meet their own needs

2.56. FBC's response identified that their 2037 Local Plan had identified a 900-home allowance for the unmet need from PfSH. 800 dwellings had previously been agreed to meet the needs of Portsmouth however there were another 100 homes for the SEH authorities to divide up as was seen fit. The response also highlighted that FBC had an oversupply of employment floorspace. FBC confirmed that it was willing to commit 19,973m2 of its employment floorspace to HBC (as the SEH authority with a shortfall) for its unmet employment need.

2.57. WCC's response stated that the SEH authorities should do more to approach other LPAs outside of the HMA in order to evidence that they had left 'no stone unturned'. The response also asked for the provision of further detail on the employment request, specifically in regard to the type of employment need arising from the SEH authorities.

2.58. The three SEH authorities responded to WCC. The letter highlighted the FBC response to the letter sent in October 2025 in regard to employment and the position set out by PfSH at the December 2025 Joint committee in the respect of not updating the PfSH Spatial Position Statement. Due to these factors the SEH Authorities reiterated that WCC should address the issue of unmet need from SEH more robustly in its emerging Local Plan.

2.59. WCC responded further in January 2026 reiterating that its position remains unchanged highlighting Winchester City Council’s response to their Inspector led public consultation.

Joint SEH Working

2.60. Following the positive response to the request to help meet unmet housing and employment needs from FBC, the four authorities have been working together. It was decided that this was the best approach due to the joint issues faced by the four authorities and the likelihood of them forming a new unitary authority under future Local Government Reorganisation proposals (at the time).

2.61. The four SEH authorities met in January 2026 and discussed the housing and employment needs positions in SEH and agreed the following:

- That the Fareham local Plan provides 900 homes for unmet need. 800 homes were already agreed to go to PCC. The remaining 100 were agreed to be provided to GBC.
- That FBC and PCC are able to assist HBC in meeting their unmet employment needs.
- That the four authorities will work closely together to on future ecological network, environmental mitigation and other greening and biodiversity opportunities in the area. They agreed to set up an officer group comprising planning and ecology representatives from the four authorities to deliver this.
- That the four authorities would enter into a multi-lateral SCG to confirm the points of agreement and future working agreed.

2.62. In March 2026 the four SEH authorities (as shown on map 3 below) agreed a joint SCG. This document was updated in November 2026 to reflect the latest development needs and supply position. The main points of agreement in the SCG were that:

- FBC would provide 900 homes for unmet need of which 800 were for PCC and 100 for GBC.
- That FBC and PCC would provide 42,716m2 (22,743m2 from PCC and 19,973m2 from FBC) of employment floorspace for HBC's unmet need.
- The four authorities would undertake future joint working on environmental issues through the South East Hampshire Environmental Group.

2.63. On 7 September 2026, the Government announced that it had withdrawn its previous LGR proposals for Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton and will now review the LGR proposals following legal advice. Nonetheless, in October 2026, Government confirmed that reorganisation in the area has not been cancelled and that all options and proposals remain under consideration with an outcome expected by early 2027[14]. As such, we would expect the outcome of that review to be known early in the examination process.

2.64. Nevertheless, all of the authorities which would have formed the Southeast Hampshire Unitary Authority are committed to pragmatic joint working and will focus on shared and consistent methodologies for evidence gathering going forward.

Bi-lateral working with neighbouring authorities

2.65. The Borough Council has worked on a bi-lateral basis with all its neighbours in South East Hampshire. This is in addition to the SoCG and cooperation being undertaken by the local planning

[14] www.gov.uk/government/news/local-government-reorganisation-moves-forward-in-five-counties

authorities through PfSH. The Borough Council has agreed SoCGs with the following neighbouring authorities:

- Chichester District Council (CDC)
- East Hampshire District Council (EHDC)
- Portsmouth City Council (PCC)
- South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA)
- Winchester City Council (WCC)

2.66. In addition, the Borough has signed a SoCG with Gosport Borough Council and Fareham Borough Council as these areas fall within the same housing market area.

2.67. These SoCGs are jointly agreed statements between the Council and the neighbouring authorities and are published as part of the Council's examination library[15]. They set out the position and understanding with respect to key cross boundary strategic issues between the two authorities. The SoCGs are not binding on either party but set out a clear and positive direction to inform ongoing strategy and plan making.

2.68. Each SoCG focuses upon the key cross boundary issues between the two local authorities in question, however, they also cover the key cross boundary issues of:

- Housing
- Employment
- The natural environment
- Transport

2.69. These key cross boundary issues were decided in reference to paragraph 20 of the NPPF[16] which states that strategic policies should set out an overall strategy for but not limited to the pattern, scale and design quality of places and make sufficient provision for housing; infrastructure for transport; community facilities; and conservation and enhancement of the natural, built and historic environment.

2.70. The individual SoCGs represent the culmination of ongoing discussions between Havant Borough and the neighbouring authorities over a number of years. In many instances there have been as series of SoCGs between Portsmouth and the neighbouring LPAs, which have been changed and updated as the two LPAs have progressed their respective Local Plans. In addition, the LPAs have in many instances made representations on each other's draft plans in order to address key cross boundary issues, for example, the representations on the emerging Winchester District Local Plan at several stages between 2022 and 2024 resulted in WCC agreeing to provide a proportion of its unmet need allowance towards Havant borough's unmet housing need.

2.71. The SoCGs outline the strategic geographies of Havant Borough and the neighbouring authority, showing the interrelationship between the two. The SOCG then sets out the key cross boundary strategic issues addressed with an agreed position between the two councils on each issue. Where relevant, areas of disagreement are also set out.

[15] https://www.havant.gov.uk/planning-services/planning-policy/local-plan/statements-common-ground

[16] https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20231228093504/https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2

Letters to neighbouring authorities requesting assistance with unmet housing needs

2.72. Havant Borough Council wrote letters to neighbouring authorities at key stages in the plan making process. For completeness, all correspondence has been published by authority and in chronological order as part of the Council's Examination Library[17].

March 2024

2.73. In March 2024, Havant Borough Council (HBC) wrote to the neighbouring authorities of CDC, EHDC, PCC, SDNPA and WCC to request formal assistance with unmet housing need. Additionally, HBC also wrote to FBC and GBC given that these authorities fall within the same HMA.

2.74. The Borough Council received responses from these neighbouring authorities, except for FBC who had recently adopted their local plan (at the time). These set out that CDC, PCC and GBC were unable to assist with Havant Borough's unmet housing need due to physical constraints within these administrative areas meaning they are unable to accommodate their own housing need. In addition, PCC's response to HBC requested that the Borough Council helps meet the City Council's unmet housing needs. HBC responded to indicate that it is unable to meet its own housing need, and so cannot help Portsmouth City with its unmet housing need.

2.75. EHDC stated that they expect to accommodate some unmet needs from areas that can evidence a functional relationship with areas of their district but have not yet agreed the extent of that. They said they were unable to help HBC meet the whole identified unmet need without significant harm to their rural District. Furthermore, until they have been through the representations to their recent consultation, they were unable to offer further clarity on their position to potentially assist with unmet needs.

2.76. In response to letters and consultation responses from HBC and PCC, WCC agreed to earmark 70% of their unmet housing need's allowance to HBC (SoCG), the remaining 30% to be earmarked to PCC.

2.77. The SDNPA response highlights that it is unlikely that the South Downs National Park will be able to accommodate any unmet need arising in Havant Borough. This reflects the advice in the PPG that national *parks "are unlikely to be suitable areas for accommodating unmet needs from adjoining (non-designated) areas"* (Paragraph 041 Reference ID: 8-041-20190721).

June 2025

2.78. During the Council's Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan consultation. HBC wrote to neighbouring authorities of CDC, EHDC, PCC, SDNPA and WCC in addition to FBC and GBC (as set out above). This provided an update on the Council's housing need and supply position, and to formally request assistance with unmet employment need following the publication of the Employment Land Review.

2.79. Responses from CDC, PCC and GBC reaffirmed their position(s) that they could not accommodate any unmet housing need arising from Havant Borough. In addition, PCC and GBC's responses to HBC requested assistance from Havant Borough with unmet housing needs arising from their authorities. HBC responded to indicate that it is unable to meet its own housing need, and so cannot

[17] https://www.havant.gov.uk/maintaining-cooperation

help Portsmouth City nor Gosport Borough with their unmet housing need. Significantly, PCC's response also formally offered assistance with meeting unmet employment needs.

2.80. EHDC response in return highlights the significant uplift in housing numbers because of the updated standard method. It highlights that their development capacity will be assessed as part of their Local Plan. It is noted that consideration will be given to the unmet needs arising from Havant Borough through the Integrated Impact Assessment. This will inform the extent of which unmet development needs and how much of this need can be met within the remit of sustainable development.

2.81. EHDC's response also formally requested assistance with unmet need for traveller accommodation and specifically asks Havant Borough to consider whether traveller accommodation could be provided on some of the larger housing allocations its Local Plan. HBC responded to indicate that it would be happy to explore whether the Southleigh site promoter would consider the provision of gypsy and traveller pitches as part of the overall development but highlighted that that it would inevitably reduce the amount of developable land. This in turn would negate HBC's ability to address housing need within the Borough's boundary.

2.82. WCC responded to confirm that the Winchester Regulation 19 Local Plan includes an unmet need allowance, a proportion of which is assigned to HBC. It highlights the increase to Winchester's housing requirement under the standard method. It is noted that WCC are unable to agree Havant Borough's unmet need figure of 9,292 until further information is provided confirming that future development cannot take place on Hayling Island. WCC state that HBC have a responsibility to have discussions with all neighbouring local planning authority in terms of unmet housing need. In terms of employment supply, WCC's letter notes that it does not currently have any capacity to assist HBC but WCC will be commissioning an updated Employment Land Review which is not yet started.

2.83. FBC's response notes that the adopted Fareham Local Plan includes a 900 dwelling commitment towards wider PfSH need, of which 800 dwellings are specifically allocated towards PCC. Their letter also notes they have yet to begin a review of the Local Plan and they are unable to provide a firm commitment to meeting further unmet needs from neighbouring authorities at the time.

2.84. The SDNPA response confirms the National Park is unable to accommodate any unmet needs arising from Havant Borough.

<u>August 2026</u>

2.85. During the Council's Regulation 19 Publication Local Plan consultation. HBC wrote to neighbouring authorities of CDC, EHDC, PCC, SDNPA and WCC in addition to FBC and GBC as authorities in the same housing market area. Additionally, the Council also wrote to authorities in the Hampshire and Solent devolution area, and this is set out in detail below.

2.86. The letter provided an update on the Council's housing need and supply, and resulting unmet housing need position. In addition, it confirmed that there was no longer a formal ask for assistance in respect of unmet employment need, with transfers of employment land from Portsmouth City Council and Fareham Borough Council's respectively.

2.87. The letter only sought responses from Portsmouth City Council and Fareham Borough Council regarding transfers of employment land in light of the Borough's updated employment need position,

but a mixture of formal and informal replies were received from authorities in respect of housing need. These have been published as part of the Examination Library[18].

2.88. The employment position(s) with Portsmouth City Council and Fareham Borough Council have been formalised as part of respective bi-lateral Statements of Common Ground with those two authorities.

Joint letters to authorities in the same housing market area

2.89. During the Summer of 2025, HBC met with PCC and GBC to establish collective unmet development needs in Southeast Hampshire. The joint working has been extremely successful and has resulted in a formal offer from PCC which will largely address the Havant Borough's unmet office need.

2.90. In October 2025, a joint letter from HBC, GBC and PCC was sent to EHDC, FBC and WCC (the other three authorities in the same HMA) formally requesting assistance with collective unmet development needs arising from the three authorities.

Fareham Borough Council

2.91. FBC's response notes their adopted local plan's commitment of 900 dwellings towards PfSH unmet need, 800 of which are specifically allocated to PCC. The remaining 100 dwellings is identified towards wider unmet needs in the area. FBC suggest it would be appropriate for GBC, HBC and PCC to discuss and agree how the 100 dwellings are apportioned, to be agreed formally with FBC in due course.

2.92. It also notes FBC's proactivity to deliver ecological infrastructure to facilitate development in neighbouring areas including GBC, HBC and PCC.

2.93. Significantly, their response also notes the deficit of employment floorspace (arising out of HBC) and that the Fareham Local Plan 2037 identifies an excess of 119,790 square metres of floorspace compared to the requirement. FBC's letter formally commits 19,973 square metres of employment floorspace towards Havant Borough's unmet need.

East Hampshire District Council

2.94. EHDC's response indicates that they are committed to positively engaging with neighbouring authorities under the DtC. As part of their Local Plan preparation, EHDC will give due consideration to the unmet housing and employment needs through the Integrated Impact Assessment which will assess reasonable alternatives including meeting unmet needs; infrastructure evidence and site assessments currently in progress; the identification of housing market areas and functional economic areas (FEMA), including the limited extent of the Portsmouth HMA within East Hampshire. Note potential unmet needs emerging from Chichester District, Waverley Borough and other Surrey authorities, and will assess the assess the extent to which these relate to East Hampshire's housing market geography. At this time, it is not known whether EHDC will be able to meet its own disaggregated housing needs and therefore to what extent we can meet unmet needs from elsewhere. Should a surplus of housing capacity be identified, it is envisaged that unmet needs from the SDNP in East Hampshire be prioritised. EHDC consider it is important that approaches are made to LPAs beyond the HMA and FEMA due to the substantial amount of unmet need.

[18] https://www.havant.gov.uk/maintaining-cooperation

2.95. EHDC has commissioned an update to its Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA) and Employment Land Review (ELR) which will inform our position on employment land provision and any potential capacity to assist neighbouring authorities.

2.96. EHDC is likely to have its own unmet need for Traveller and Travelling Showpeople accommodation. EHDC will be seeking assistance from neighbouring authorities, including those within the Portsmouth HMA, and would welcome reciprocal consideration of this matter.

2.97. On the 17 June 2026, EHDC wrote to HBC to draw attention to a recent decision and explain the Council's stated position following changes to national planning policy and local government arrangements. EHDC has formally agreed that it will no longer seek to submit a Local Plan under the 'legacy' planning system by the Government's deadline of 31 December 2026. The reasons for this are set out in a report presented to Cabinet[19] on the 28 May 2026.

2.98. The two Councils recently signed a Statement of Common Ground[20] which acknowledges that EHDC is in the early stages of preparing a Local Plan under the new plan making system and that it is currently unknown whether EHDC will be able to meet its own disaggregated housing needs, or the extent to which it can meet unmet needs from elsewhere. It confirms a commitment by both EHDC and HBC to continue to work collaboratively to address cross boundary planning matters, including housing need.

Winchester City Council

2.99. WCC's response states that it is agreed that the unmet housing need requires a coordinated and strategic approach, but this responsibility does not rest solely with WCC and nor should it be constrained to HMAs. WCC strongly encourage Portsmouth, Gosport and Havant to be proactive and to approach other LPAs in Hampshire outside of your HMA. Given the scale of unmet housing need, WCC strongly encourages the three authorities to respond to any Local Plan consultations in Hampshire as this is a joint issue that all local authorities need to approach in a consistent way given the importance of the issue. This is important to demonstrate to a Local Plan Inspector that you have left 'no stone unturned' in responding to the significant unmet need you have identified.

2.100. WCC's letter raises various questions in relation to unmet employment need, and in particular, what type of employment need. This is necessary to understand whether the surplus currently identified in Portsmouth and Fareham could meet unmet needs in Havant.

2.101. WCC's response notes the team are now working on two Local Plans. The primary focus is to move the emerging Local Plan to the Main Modifications consultation and then onto subsequent adoption as soon as possible next year. Currently priority to ensure the emerging LP moves swiftly towards adoption. WCC has also committed to undertake work on the next Local Plan which cover the period up to 2044. No detailed work on how to meet the increased standard method has been undertaken, and therefore what contribution WCC are able to make from unmet needs from neighbouring authorities is unknown. Notes that various workstreams have been commissioned including an Integrated Impact Assessment/Habitats Regulations Assessment and update to Employment and Retail Assessment for the Local Plan review. Early process of identifying and scoping the key issues and we will need to prepare a project plan (for the next Local Plan). Confirms commitment to working collaboratively with all authorities across Hampshire but premature

[19] https://easthants.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=126&MId=4503
[20] https://www.havant.gov.uk/media/12068/download?inline

to make any firm commitments regarding accommodation of unmet housing or employment need at this time as WCC have not yet mapped out the process.

Letters to authorities in the Hampshire and Solent devolution area requesting assistance with unmet housing needs

2.102. As set out above, the Council's approach has been to focus discussions with its neighbours and other authorities in the same the HMA. However, given the scale of unmet housing need that exists, it has been necessary to engage with other authorities in the Hampshire and the Solent devolution area, as these will be covered by the same Spatial Development Strategy in due course.

2.103. This initially took the form of representations to Test Valley Borough Council, Basingstoke and Deane and New Forest District's Regulation 18 Local Plans in September 2025, January 2026 and February 2026 respectively. Havant Borough Council subsequently formally requested assistance by letter from Eastleigh Borough Council, Hart District Council, Isle of Wight Council, Rushmoor Borough Council and Southampton City Council in March 2026.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

2.104. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (BDBC)'s response sets out that it is unclear what proportion of need that Havant Borough has specifically requested the borough to accommodate, and that Havant Borough is some distance from the borough.

2.105. BDBC is in the early stages of updating its Local Plan and the Council's priority must be to meet the Borough's own needs first, for which a high level of growth is needed. The increases of BDBC's own housing number means that there is difficulty in accommodating further additional homes from neighbouring areas. Finally, the letter confirms that there is not any scope to accommodate any unmet housing need from Havant Borough.

Eastleigh Borough Council

2.106. Eastleigh Borough Council's response sets out that the Council is in the process of establishing whether it can make any contribution to wider unmet housing needs through its local process. However, in the event it were able to do so it would be unlikely that such a contribution would assist Havant Borough's unmet need.

Hart District Council

2.107. Hart District Council (HDC)'s response indicates that it cannot agree to meet any unmet housing needs. HDC does not consider Havant to be a 'neighbouring area' under the NPPF. The letter indicates that it consider that Hart is under no obligation to consider unmet housing need arising from Havant.

Isle of Wight Council

2.108. The Isle of Wight Council's response states that the island would not be able to assist in meeting unmet housing need from Havant Borough. The island itself is also facing a significant increase in the standard method housing need figure, and at this stage, the Council is unable to confirm whether the island can meet its own housing need

Rushmoor Borough Council

2.109. Rushmoor Borough Council's response sets out that the Council is preparing a new Local Plan under the new plan-making system. The letter indicates that is not able to accommodate any unmet housing needs of Havant Borough Council. Rushmoor already has an increased housing

requirement using the Standard Method and has a land supply shortfall. The letter sets out that the highly constrained and urban nature of Rushmoor mean that an oversupply of housing land is unlikely to be identified.

Southampton City Council

2.110. Southampton City Council (SCC) is not in a position to support (HBC with unmet housing need) at this time. Evidence base work is ongoing but SCC has not yet undertaken the necessary assessment of sites or viability testing to confirm likely housing delivery numbers. At this stage, it is expected that SCC will also have an unmet housing need and so will not have any surplus to support unmet need of our neighbours.

Updated development needs position

2.111. As set out above, in August 2026 during the Council's consultation on the Regulation 19 Building a Better Future Plan, the Council sent a further letter to authorities in the Hampshire and the Solent devolution area provided an update on the Council's housing need and supply, and resulting unmet housing need position. In addition, it confirmed that there was no longer a formal ask for assistance in respect of unmet employment need (due to transfers of employment land from PCC and FBC respectively).

Collaborative working with Prescribed Bodies

2.112. The Borough Council has worked collaboratively with all the prescribed bodies. The list of bodies with whom the Council has engaged throughout the plan's preparation and were specifically invited to make representations under Regulation 19 is set out at Section 3 of the Consultation Statement – Part 1 (June 2026). Consultation Statement Part 2 (November 2026) provides an overview of the responses received under Regulation 20 from Prescribed Bodies (Appendix 3). This provides a reference sheet that documents agreed Statements of Common Ground with prescribed bodies.

3. Key Strategic Issues

3.1 The key strategic issues for Havant Borough are identified as:

- Housing need and supply, including accommodating the Borough's unmet need
- Employment need and supply
- The natural environment
- Infrastructure, including transport

3.2 There is a range of other matters that have been raised by neighbouring authorities and prescribed bodies. Where appropriate these have been dealt with on a pragmatic basis with amendments as necessary to the Local Plan during its preparation. The following section of this report addresses each key strategic matter in turn. For each of these, a brief background, actions undertaken, and a summary of outcomes is provided.

Housing need and supply

3.3 Paragraph 11 of the NPPF requires strategic policies, as a minimum to provide for their area's objectively assessed need for housing as well as any needs that cannot be met within neighbouring authorities unless:

(i) The application of policies in the Framework that protect areas or assets of particular importance provide a strong reason for restricting the overall scale, type or distribution of development in the plan area; or

(ii) Any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in this Framework when taken as a whole.

3.4 Paragraph 61 of the NPPF states that in order to determine the minimum number of homes needed, strategic policies should be informed by a local housing need assessment, conducted by the standard method. The outcome of the standard method is an advisory starting point for establishing a housing requirement for the area. Local Planning Authorities should then establish a housing requirement figure, which shows the extent to which their identified housing need can be met over the plan period.

3.5 Based on the new standard methodology for calculating housing need, Havant Borough has an indicative local housing need figure of 887 dwellings per annum with a base date of 2025. This equates to 15,966 dwellings over the plan period from 2025/26 to 2042/43. A copy of the Council's housing need assessment using the standard method is provided at Appendix 1 of the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA). The Council's Housing Needs Analysis separately identifies a need for 601 affordable homes per annum.

3.6 The table below provides a comparison of the difference between the housing need figure calculated using the Government's standard methodology, the housing requirement figure in the Draft Regulation 18 Building a Better Future Plan. This shows there is an unmet housing need figure of 531 dwellings per year compared to the standard method figure.

Table 3: Havant Borough Housing Need and Supply at Draft Regulation 18 Local Plan stage

Housing need	Housing requirement	Unmet need
17,840	7,218	10,622
892 dwellings per year	361 dwellings per year	531 dwellings per year

3.7 Relevant Statements of Common Ground with neighbouring authorities acknowledge that whilst the precise unmet need arising from Havant Borough will evolve as the Local Plan is finalised as

housing completions figures are released and updated affordability; but this is unlikely to materially alter the level of unmet housing need. Indeed, the final unmet figure in the Publication Plan is as follows:

Table 4: Havant Borough Housing Supply and Unmet Need at Publication Regulation 19 Local Plan stage

Sources of housing supply against housing requirement during the Plan period (2025/2026-2042/2043)	Number of homes
2024 Standard method requirement*	**15,822**
Planned housing supply, including:	**6,215**
Planning permissions	984
Broad locations	1650
Allocations	2276
Small sites within urban area	30
Windfall	1275
Non-implementation discount**	-304
Duty to co-operate unmet need allowance in the Winchester City Council's adopted Local Plan	345
Total housing supply	**6,256**
Unmet Need	**9,566**

*879 dwellings x 18 years of the Plan period.
** Application of a non-implementation discount of 7% for all forms of major development and 15% for minor development except from implemented planning permissions (works are under construction) and planning permissions where some/all conditions have been already discharged or are in the process of being discharged.

3.8 The total housing supply figure differs from that included in Table 5 under Policy 6 (Amount of Housing) in the Publication Plan. This reflects the exclusion of (1,179 dwellings) from supply from the early years of the plan period since the standard method includes an affordability adjustment to take account of past under-delivery. This results in an unmet need of 9,566 dwellings, equivalent to 531 dwellings per annum.

3.9 The need identified through the standard method represents a significant increase from the housing requirement set out in the Core Strategy (2011) of 315 homes per year and from past delivery rates of housing. Past delivery rates of housing net completions (excluding C2 completions) in the Borough between 2006/07 and 2024/25 averaged 392 dwellings per annum, or 346 dwellings per annum over the last five years (2020/21-2024/25).

3.10 The Borough's objectively assessed housing need is substantially higher than the capacity-based housing requirement. The Borough is exceptionally constrained, and land availability significantly limits its ability to address its development need within its administrative boundary. The Council has left no stone unturned to meet as housing need as sustainably possible.

3.11 The development strategy maximises development in established and urban areas and on brownfield sites; and development on greenfield sites where it has no unacceptable impacts on international, national or local environmental designations. The Plan also seeks to respond to the effects of climate change by not adding to the level of flood risk through a presumption against new housing in areas at risk of flooding, now or in the future. Due to the flood risk to the single access road on and off the island, this includes greenfield sites on Hayling Island, which may not themselves be at risk. Brownfield development on the island would continue to be acceptable if the

site itself is safe. To balance these objectives, the Plan identifies a capacity-based housing requirement, resulting in a very high unmet need figure. The figures set out in the table above were used as the starting point to inform discussions with neighbouring authorities between the Regulation 18 and Regulation 19 stages of the Local Plan.

3.12 Portsmouth's Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (December 2023)[21] re-examined previous work undertaken by GL Hearn in 2014[22] which examined Housing Market Areas (HMAs) covering the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) area. The 2014 study identified a Portsmouth HMA which included all of Portsmouth, Gosport and Havant as well as the eastern wards of Fareham Borough, the southern wards of Winchester and part of East Hampshire district.

Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople

3.13 National planning policy sets out that the housing needs of different groups should be assessed and reflected in planning policies, including for gypsies, travellers and travelling show people. The overarching aim is to ensure fair and equal treatment, in a way that facilitates the traditional and nomadic life of travellers while respecting the interests of the settled community.

3.14 To help achieve this aim, local authorities are required to assess need for Gypsies and Travellers for the purposes of planning, work collaboratively to develop fair and effective strategies to meet identified need, seek to reduce tensions between settled and traveller communities and ensure Local Plans include fair, realistic and inclusive policies. Table 5 of this Statement sets out in detail the key strategic issues in respect of Gypsies and Traveller and how the Borough Council has addressed these in discussions with neighbouring authorities.

3.15 The Council's 2024 Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) was undertaken in accordance with Government planning policy. The GTAA concludes that there is no identified unmet need for Gypsy and Traveller pitches or Travelling Showpeople plots within Havant Borough. Though the 2017 joint GTAA did identify that Havant Borough had a need to provide 1 pitch, this need has now been met through a permission for 2 pitches at Long Copse Lane in northern Emsworth. The Building a Better Future Plan will safeguard this site for current need.

3.16 The GTAA found that there was not a need for any formal transit provision nor any plots for Travelling Showpeople are needed during the plan period.

Table 5: Evidence of the cooperation with neighbouring authorities in regards to housing

Strategic issues	• The appropriate provision of housing towards meeting local needs, including affordable housing within the Portsmouth HMA and South Hampshire sub region • Where it is demonstrated that housing development cannot be sustainably accommodated in the Borough, the Borough Council will work with neighbouring authorities needs to consider whether any unmet need can be met elsewhere within those authorities' areas. • Where it is demonstrated that Gypsy & Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites cannot be sustainably accommodated, the Borough Council will work with adjoining authorities to consider whether unmet need can be met elsewhere within the locality.

[21] https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/4-Portsmouth-HEDNA_Final-Report-Dec-2023-CONFIDENTIAL-1.pdf
[22] https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/SHMA-2014-1.pdf

	• Successful delivery of affordable housing relies on Registered Providers and Portsmouth City Council as the Council does not own any housing stock.
Partners	• All Local Authorities falling within the PfSH with specific emphasis on those LPA's in the Portsmouth HMA, which comprise: East Hampshire, Fareham, Gosport, Portsmouth and Winchester. • PfSH's wider membership/ LPAs within the Hampshire and the Solent devolution area.
Actions/outcomes	**Joint Working Arrangements** The Borough Council has worked as part of the PfSH in the preparation of the 2016 and 2023 Spatial Position Statements and supporting Evidence Base Documents. HBC officers and members take an active role in a number of PfSH groups including Joint Committee, Chief Executives Group and Planning Officers Group. In September 2025, PfSH Planning Officers considered the appropriate approach to monitoring/reviewing the PfSH Spatial Position Statement (2023) prior to the preparation of a statutory Spatial Development Strategy by the proposed Mayoral Combined Authority for Hampshire and the Solent. The matter was then discussed at PfSH Joint Committee who approved a statement in December 2025, stating that the intention at this time was to not update the Spatial Position Statement. **Collective discussions South East Hampshire Group** Since June 2025 the Council has been working closely with PCC and GBC to assess the unmet housing need arising within SE Hampshire. The information collated has been used as the basis for discussions with the neighbouring authorities of EHDC, FBC and WCC who have been asked to help accommodate the unmet need arising. Since January 2026 FBC has joined the group of SEH authorities and the four authorities have produced a joint SoCG (March 2026) setting out the agreed housing distribution. This was recently updated in November 2026. **Jointly Prepared Evidence Base - Housing Market Assessments** *South Hampshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment, January 2014*[23]*, and Appendices (2014).* This report is a Housing Market Assessment setting out the housing market requirements of the PfSH sub region. *Objectively Assessed Housing Need Update, Partnership for Urban South Hampshire, (April 2016).* [24]This report is an

[23] https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/SHMA-2014-1.pdf
[24] https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Housing-need-update-2016.pdf

	assessment of housing need assuming a "policy off" basis, as required by national policy / guidance. *Reviewing Potential Rates of Housing Delivery, Partnership for Urban South Hampshire, (April 2016).* [25]This report includes a review of housing delivery performance historically at a national level, explores potential benchmarks in terms of the pace at which housing development can come forward, and considers past housing delivery performance within the PUSH area. **Jointly Prepared Evidence Base - Other Housing related PFSH studies** *Statement of Common Ground – Broad Areas of Search for Growth Assessments, (PFSH December 23)*[26]*.* This report carried out an assessment of areas for potential large scale housing delivery across the sub region. **Spatial Position Statements** *PUSH Spatial Position Statement, Partnership for Urban South Hampshire, (June 2016).* [27] This Position Statement has been developed to inform long-term decisions about the level and distribution of development in the area over the period from 2011 to 2034. *Partnership for South Hampshire Spatial Position Statement, (December 2023).* [28] This document helps to inform the preparation of and strategic co-ordination of local plans. **Statements of Common Ground with individual LPAs** *Statement of Common Ground between Gosport Borough Council and Havant Borough Council May 2026).* This SoCG was prepared to support both the Pre-Submission Havant Borough Building a Better Future Plan and the Publication Gosport Borough Local Plan 2042. The two authorities note their respective positions on housing need and supply in that they are unaable to meet its housing need in full, and it is agreed that neighbouring can assist the other with accommodating unmet need arising out of each Local Plan. *Statement of Common Ground between Portsmouth City Council & Havant Borough Council (October 2026).* This SoCG was prepared to support both HBC's Pre-Submission Building a Better Future Plan and PCC's Pre-Submission Local Plan under Regulation 19. The two authorities note their respective positions on housing need and supply in that they are unable to meet its

[25] https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Rates-of-housing-delivery-2016.pdf
[26] https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Broad-Areas-of-Search-for-Growth-Assessments-6.12.23.pdf
[27] https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/PUSH-Spatial-Position-Statement-2016.pdf
[28]https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.push.gov.uk%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2023%2F12%2FPfSH-Spatial-Position-Statement-6-December-2023.doc&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK

	housing need in full, and it is agreed that neighbouring can assist the other with accommodating unmet need arising out of each Local Plan. *Statement of Common Ground between Winchester City Council and Havant Borough Council (April 2026).* This SoCG was prepared to support Pre-Submission Havant Borough Building a Better Future Plan (Regulation 19) and to reflect the adoption of the Winchester District Local Plan 2040 on 24 March 2026. In regard to housing the SOCG identifies that the Winchester District Local Plan 2020-2040 includes an allowance towards unmet need in Havant Borough, but there remains a large amount of unmet need to be addressed arising out of Havant Borough and the wider Housing Market Area. The Winchester District Local Plan 2044 is at an early stage and detailed work on how the increase in the standard method might be accommodated in Winchester District has not yet been undertaken. *Statement of Common Ground between South Downs National Park Authority & Havant Borough Council (November 2026).* This SoCG was prepared to support the Publication Havant Borough Building a Better Future Plan and the Proposed Submission South Downs Local Plan. The two authorities are satisfied that each other are leaving no stone unturned to meet their own housing need. It is agreed that neither authority can assist the other with accommodating unmet need. *Statement of Common Ground between Chichester District Council and Havant Borough Council (November 2026).* This SoCG was prepared to support the Regulation 19 Havant Building a Better Future Plan. The Statement reflects CDC's Regulation 19 representation which raises serious concern about the allocation of 'Land south of Havant Road (Horse's Field)' (Allocation 3 in the Publication Plan),but confirms this is a soundness issue which does not go to the heart of the plan. It is also noted that without the inclusion of the site in the Plan, HBC's unmet need figure would increase. *Statement of Common Ground between East Hampshire District Council and Havant Borough Council (November 2026).* This SoCG was prepared to support the Regulation 19 Havant Building a Better Future Plan. The Statement reflects EHDC's Regulation 19 representation which raises concern about the significant level of unmet housing need that will arise through the progression of the Havant Local Plan. It is agreed that HBC is unable to meet its housing need and has sought to maximise housing delivery within the constraints of its area. It is currently unknown whether EHDC will be able to meet its own disaggregated housing needs, or the extent to which it can meet unmet housing needs. **Representations on Neighbouring LPA's Local Plans.** *Representation on the East Hampshire – Local Plan 2021-40 (March 2024)*. This representation covered: unmet housing need arising out of Havant Borough and the sub-region, allowance for unmet need within East Hampshire's housing land supply is not

	sufficient to address Havant's unmet need and welcomes discussions with EHDC to ensure that cross-boundary issues are robustly addressed. Notes that the two sites: HDN1 Land at Woodcroft Farm and RLC4 Land at Little Farm are close to Havant and Portsmouth HMA and looks forward to working with EHDC to refine these allocations. *Representation on the Test Valley Draft Local Plan 2042 (September 2025).* This representation principally covered the previous request from HBC which formally asked for a commitment from TVBC to accommodate unmet need from Havant Borough, highlights the Draft Local Plan does not acknowledge any current requests to help with unmet need, and includes a further formal request to accommodate unmet need. *Representation on the Portsmouth Pre-Submission Local Plan Addendum (January 2026).* This representation covered: PCC's and HBC's strong history of successful collaboration, commends Portsmouth's Local Plan for setting out high quality placemaking around key sites, expresses disappointment around the IROPI decision, confirms the Borough Council is satisfied that the City Council has done all it can to address the need for development, notes the collective discussions including Gosport Borough Council which has resulted in an up-to-date picture of unmet need situation in the HMA and thanks PCC for its positive contribution towards HBC's unmet employment need which is a tangible and demonstrable outcome of positive and collaborative working between respective authorities. *Representation on the Winchester Proposed Main Modifications (January 2026).* This representation covered: the Solent Mitigation Partnership, and the reduction in the unmet needs allowance (from 1,900 dwellings to 495 dwellings through the examination process) which is apportioned 30% to Portsmouth City Council and 70% to Havant Borough Council, and the collaboration with GBC and PCC to identify the level of unmet housing and employment need arising from South East Hampshire. *Representation on the Basingstoke Local Plan Update Regulation 18 (January 2026).* This representation covered HBC's unmet housing need position and formally requested BDBC to assist with meeting unmet housing need. *Representation on the New Forest Spatial Issues and Options Regulation 18 (March 2026).* This representation covered HBC's unmet housing need position and formally requested NFDC to assist with meeting unmet housing need. *Representation on the Chichester Local Plan 2045 Scoping Consultation (September 2026).* This representation highlighted Havant Borough's very large unmet housing need, and that it has not been possible to secure any further commitments towards unmet housing need as it moves towards submission of the Plan. Highlights continuing need for collaboration with other authorities to robustly address this issue.

	Representation on the Winchester District Local Plan 2026-2044 Scoping Consultation (September 2026). This representation highlighted Havant Borough's very large unmet housing need, and that it has not been possible to secure any further commitments towards unmet housing need as it moves towards submission of the Plan. Highlights continuing need for collaboration with other authorities to robustly address this issue. *Representation on the Future Portsmouth Plan to 2045 Scoping Consultation (October 2026).* This representation highlighted the cross boundary working undertaken on a bi-lateral basis and collective discussions as part of the South East Hampshire grouping of authorities. It references the transfer of office floorspace to Havant from Portsmouth. Highlights continuing need to collaborate on unmet housing need as it has not been possible to secure any further commitments towards unmet housing need. **Letters / requests from Neighbouring LPA's** *Letter from Winchester City Council requesting help meeting gypsy and traveller needs (August 2023).* This letter requested that the Borough Council help meet Winchester's unmet gypsy and traveller needs (200 pitches for gypsies and 27 plots for travelling showpeople). *Email from East Hampshire District Council requesting assistance with delivery of traveller and travelling showpeople sites (August 2023).* This letter requests assistance with the delivery of traveller and travelling showpeople sites. *Letter from Gosport Borough Council requesting assistance with unmet housing need (July 2025).* The letter provides an update on the Borough's housing need and supply position and formally requests assistance from HBC to assist with the unmet need of Gosport Borough. *Letter from East Hampshire District Council requesting assistance with gypsy, traveller and showpeople needs (July 2025).* This letter responds to Havant Borough's unmet development needs and formally requests assistance with Traveller accommodation and asks whether Havant Borough could consider the inclusion of Traveller accommodation on the allocation sites at Southleigh and Campdown. *Letter from Portsmouth City Council (August 2025) requesting assistance with unmet housing need.* This letter provides an update on the City's housing need and supply position, including the contribution towards unmet need from the Fareham Local Plan and formally requests assistance from HBC to assist in meeting the unmet need of Portsmouth. *Letter from South Downs National Park Authority (November 2025) requesting assistance with unmet housing need, and gypsy and traveller needs.* This letter provides an update on its housing need evidence and notes that it will be able to meet a housing need figure of 323 homes per year, but not 1,048 homes per year and formally requests help with unmet housing need if the

	Planning Inspectorate prefer this figure. In addition, the SDNPA asks for help with unmet needs of gypsies and travellers in the National Park (73 gypsy and traveller pitches and 11 travelling showpeople plots).

Key Policy Outcomes for Housing

3.17 Policy H1 of the Adopted Winchester Local Plan 2020-40 includes an unmet needs allowance of 495 dwellings as a contribution towards the unmet needs of neighbouring areas in South Hampshire. 70% of this unmet housing needs allowance is apportioned to Havant Borough equivalent to 345 dwellings. This is set out in the Statement of Common Ground between Havant Borough Council and Winchester Borough Council (April 2026).

3.18 At this stage, East Hampshire District Council (EHDC) is in the early stages of preparing a Local Plan under the new plan making system. It is currently unknown whether EHDC will be able to meet its own disaggregated housing needs, or the extent to which it can meet unmet needs from elsewhere. EHDC and HBC will continue to collaborate on cross boundary planning need. This is set out in the Statement of Common Ground between East Hampshire District Council and Havant Borough Council (November 2026).

3.19 Havant Borough has received requests for assistance with unmet housing need from Gosport Borough (July 2025) and Portsmouth City Council (August 2025) respectively. However, as Havant Borough is unable to meet its own housing need, it is unable to assist GBC and PCC with unmet housing need.

3.20 Havant Borough has received requests for assistance with unmet gypsy and traveller needs from East Hampshire (July 2023 and November 2025), Winchester (August 2023) and South Downs National Park (November 2025) respectively. However, the Borough has been unable to assist due to land capacity constraints. Whilst East Hampshire have suggested that gypsy and traveller needs could be met through the provision of pitches on general housing allocations. However, this would negate the Borough's ability to meet general housing needs and potentially increase the extent of unmet need.

Employment need and supply

3.21 The Borough has a diverse and varied industrial based economy supported by a wealth of micro sized enterprises. The Borough accommodates a small sub regional cluster of local construction and industrial businesses. Dunsbury Park is part of the Solent Freeport and is critical to delivering the aims of the Freeport Business Case in relation to advanced manufacturing. The development of the site is focused on a range of sectors including automotive and clean growth sectors.

3.22 Recent industrial demand has come from a range of sectors including retailers, e-commerce and manufacturers, but the market is constrained due to low levels of availability. Even through the Borough is home to a number of global manufacturing brands such as Kenwood, Lewmar, Lockheed Martin, it remains a relatively low-waged economy.

3.23 Havant Borough has a comparatively small office market or, that is likely to reflect the close proximity of other more attractive office locations. Occupiers are seeking smaller, high quality units due to a both a trend involving a large proportion of office workers moving to homeworking for part of the working week, as well as occupiers seeking sustainability and energy efficiency. In particular there has been a lack of office sites promoted for development.

3.24 The Borough Council is working closely with authorities across the Solent through both PfSH and the Solent Growth Partnership to support joint economic goals for the Solent. The Solent is a prime location within the UK to deliver development to meet the pressing needs of the marine and maritime sector. This is recognised in its recent designation as a Freeport. The table below sets out in detail the key strategic issues in respect of the Borough's economy and how the Borough Council has addressed these including with the Local Economic Partnership.

Table 6: Evidence of the cooperation with neighbouring authorities in regards to employment

Strategic issues	Provision of at least 148,930 sqm of employment land floorspace (net) across the Borough between 2022-2043. The delivery of the Dunsbury Park Freeport Tax site (as part of the Solent Freeport) as a key employment site for specialised industry and technology companies.
Partners	• All local authorities falling within PfSH • Solent Growth Partnership (replaces Solent LEP)
Actions/outcomes	**Joint Working Arrangements** **Former Solent Local Economic Partnership and Solent Growth Partnership** The Solent LEP was created in 2010 following the abolition of regional development agencies as a non-statutory body responsible for economic development. Led by the business community and supported by three university partners, three unitary authorities (including Portsmouth), eight district councils and one county council, this partnership worked together to secure a more prosperous and sustainable future for the Solent area. In 2023 the Government confirmed its decision to cease LEP funding in the 2023/24 financial year moving to new devolved funding arrangements. In the absence of devolution locally the functioning economic area of the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton was confirmed in March 24 and is working together as the Solent Growth Partnership. The Solent Growth Partnership produced the Solent Growth and Prosperity

	Strategy[29] in November 2024, which sets out the Partnership's agenda for economic growth in the Solent. **PfSH Supporting evidence documents** *Economic, Employment and Commercial Needs (including logistics) Study (March 2021)* [30] This report updates the 'economic need' for land and floorspace in South Hampshire. The report re-confirms the economic geography of South Hampshire – the Functional Economic Market Area (FEMA). *Economic and Employment Land Evidence Base Paper, PfSH (May 2016[31])* The purpose of this report is to draw together evidence regarding economic and commercial property market dynamics in South Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. **Former Solent LEP supporting evidence documents** *Transforming Solent Growth Strategy (January 2015)*[32] The Transforming Solent is the Solent region's Strategic Economic Plan for the period 2014 – 2020. *Transforming Solent productivity and Growth Strategy update* (February 2017)[33] This report updates the 2015 Transforming Solent Growth Strategy *Transforming the Solent Strategic Economic Plan (2014)*[34] This report sets out a plan for growth which will see us build on the Solent's strengths and plan towards a more ambitious future. The report recognises and builds on our current strengths, harnesses the drivers for growth and addresses the barriers, which if not addressed, could constrain growth. **Letters / requests from Neighbouring LPA's** *Letter from Portsmouth City Council (August 2025) responding to unmet housing and employment needs in Havant Borough* In Havant Borough's letter dated June 2025, it is stated that there is an unmet need of 51,424 sq. m of employment floorspace, of which 17,655 sq. m is industrial demand and 33,759 sq. is office demand. The City Council Is happy to formally offer its surplus of 31,261 sq. m of office floorspace to meet unmet need in Havant Borough.

[29] https://solentgrowthpartnership.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/SGPS-Jan-2025.pdf
[30] https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Economic-Employments-and-Commercial-Needs-including-logistics-Study-Final-Report-March-2021.pdf
[31] https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Economic-and-employment-land-2016.pdf
[32] https://solentlep.org.uk/media/1508/transforming_solent_growth_strategy_-_jan_2015.pdf
[33] https://www.lepnetwork.net/media/1126/solent-policy.pdf
[34] https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Transforming-Solent-Marine-and-Maritime-supp.pdf

	Letter from Fareham Borough Council (November 2025) responding to joint letter on housing and employment need in South-East Hampshire The remaining deficit of 19,973 square metres of employment floorspace across the three authorities. The adopted Fareham Local Plan 2037 identifies an excess of 119,790 square metres of employment floorspace compared to the requirement. Fareham Borough Council is willing to commit 19,973 square metres of its employment floorspace towards Havant Borough's unmet need. **Statements of Common Ground between individual LPAs** *Statement of Common Ground between the South East Hampshire local authorities of Fareham Borough Council, Gosport Borough Council, Havant Borough Council and Portsmouth City Council (November 2026).* This SoCG was prepared to support GBC, HBC and PCC's emerging Local Plans. A key point in the agreement is that FBC would provide 19,973 square metres of employment floorspace for HBC's unmet need, in addition to PCC's contribution of 22,743 square metres. *Statement of Common Ground between Portsmouth City Council & Havant Borough Council (October 2026).* This SoCG was prepared to support both HBC's Pre-Submission Building a Better Future Plan and PCC's Submission Local Plan. PCC originally agreed to provide a total of 31,261 square metres employment floorspace towards HBC's unmet employment needs. However, updated monitoring data has resulted in a decreased surplus of employment floorspace to 22,743 square metres. This would reduce Havant Borough's unmet need for office demand to 12,515 square metres. *Statement of Common Ground between Fareham Borough Council & Havant Borough Council (November 2026).* This SoCG was prepared to support both HBC's Publication Building a Better future Plan and the Fareham Local Plan. FBC has agreed to provide a total of 19,973 sq. m of square metres of employment floorspace towards HBC's unmet housing needs.

Key Policy Outcomes in regards to employment

3.25 Work undertaken subregionally on employment need most notably in relation to the PfSH Economic, Employment and Commercial Needs (including Logistics) Study was used to update the Borough's local employment need through the Employment Land Review (ELR) and ELR Update/

3.26 A214 of the Pre-Submission Portsmouth Local Plan Composite November 2025[35] refers to the office floorspace oversupply of 31,261 square metres and indicates that this can help to meet unmet need in the neighbouring area of Havant. The updated monitoring data which resulted in a decrease of employment floorspace is set out in the Main Modifications[36] to the Portsmouth Local Plan.

[35] https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/PLP-Composite-Nov_2025.pdf
[36] https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2026-09/FINAL_PLP_Main%20Mods%20V2.0.pdf

3.27 As the Fareham Borough Local Plan is adopted, the Council is not in a position to include any wording within the current Plan to commit some of this supply to unmet need. Instead this has been formalised as part of a Statement of Common Ground between Fareham Borough Council and Havant Borough Council[37] and the South East Hampshire Local Authorities Statement of Common Ground[38].

[37] https://www.havant.gov.uk/media/11982/download?inline
[38] https://www.havant.gov.uk/media/11611/download?inline

The natural environment

Nutrient neutrality and Biodiversity Net Gain

3.28 The Council is working closely with neighbouring authorities and partners to deliver strategic scale solutions for Nutrient Neutrality. Natural England advise that the uncertainties regarding the impact of new development on designated sites must be recognised for all proposals that are subject to new planning permissions and have inevitable wastewater implications from additional overnight stays. Any increase is deemed significant, however small, due to the in-combination impacts. Natural England's stance is that the achievement of nutrient neutrality, with a calculated nutrient budget, if scientifically and practically effective, is a means of ensuring that development does not add to existing nutrient burdens and would enable appropriate assessments to conclude no adverse effects on international sites.

3.29 The Council has a published Position Statement and Mitigation Plan for Nutrient Neutral Development which has been updated annually since 2020. This Position Statement sets out the Council's approach to new development which is likely to have a significant effect on the Solent European sites. It provides guidance on how the nutrient load of new development should be calculated, and how an increase in nutrients into the harbour should be mitigated for development to be 'nutrient neutral'. The statement also includes a 'Mitigation Plan' which sets out specific measures which will be implemented to mitigate development in Havant borough. It indicates how the scale of mitigation should be calculated. If mitigation is shown to be necessary this Position Statement will also allow applicants to calculate the level of mitigation, which will be required from the proposed development.

3.30 The PfSH Water Quality Working Group produced the PfSH 2018 Integrated Water Management Strategy (IWMS) which assesses the sensitivity of the whole catchment and address water resource capacity, supply and quality issues, and the 2020 update that tested some of the underlying assumptions in the original report. The jointly created evidence helps underpin the approach being taken in the Local Plan.

3.31 In September 2024 the PfSH Joint Committee agreed the principles of an Inter Authority Agreement related to the provision and sale of nutrient credits. This included agreement on the sales approach, including sales price and approach to allocation of credits. The Council's Executive Head of Place made a decision under delegated authority. The Council entered into the Inter Authority Agreement with the PfSH authorities enabling the Council to benefit from the Local Nutrient Mitigation Fund under delegated authority in November 2024.

3.32 The Solent Mitigation Partnership (SMP) is another delivery vehicle for nutrient mitigation in South Hampshire, operating under the umbrella of PfSH. PfSH provides strategic oversight and approval via Joint Committee, ensuring that the development and implementation of SMP projects follow the appropriate governance frameworks and align with regional planning and environmental objectives. The SMP team is working with landowners to deliver an ongoing supply of sites to provide nutrient offsetting in the Solent. The SMP maintains a live web page[39] that identifies the nutrient mitigation schemes that it is leading on; this is complemented by further schemes signposted by PfSH[40].

3.33 Since the update to the nutrient neutrality guidance in March 2023[41], the PfSH SMP have been looking for solutions in response to the demand for nitrate and phosphate credits. The team is currently helping to bring forward eighteen projects across South Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

[39] https://solentmitigationpartnership.co.uk/schemes/
[40] push.gov.uk/work/mitigation-schemes-available-to-developers/
[41] https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Item-10-Nutrient-Neutrality-Update.pdf

3.34 The PfSH SMP continues to explore opportunities for Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) delivery on LPA land throughout the Solent subregion. The Council meets regularly with the SMP and other Solent LPAs to discuss options and share knowledge. The Council continues to investigate BNG options on its own land and has commissioned Coastal Partners to investigate potential options at three sites in the Borough. Coastal Partners work will be completed in 2027.

3.35 The SMP team and a cross-authority officer group is now well established and the Council is in regular contain with them to discuss BNG, nutrients and other options for HBC land.

South East Hampshire Environmental Work

3.36 The SEH local authorities agreed in February to begin working together through an Environmental Infrastructure Group on cross boundary environmental issues. The group is intended to:

- Bring together planning and ecology expertise across all four councils
- Look at cross boundary environmental issues and solutions
- Map and understand green infrastructure across all four council boundaries
- Work together on exploring off site BNG and other mitigation sites
- Look to see whether a Green Infrastructure Network can be created and protected across SEH
- Interpret and localise the Local Nature Recovery Strategy

3.37 The group will continue despite uncertainty around Local Government Reorganisation.

3.38 Table 7 of this Statement sets out in detail the key strategic issues in respect of nutrient neutrality and BNG and how the Borough Council has addressed these including with PfSH partners.

Recreational Disturbance - Bird Aware Solent

3.39 Recreational Disturbance affects protected wildfowl and wading birds that overwinter and breed in the Solent's coastal habitats as well as on terrestrial supporting habitat. Bird Aware Solent was set up as a joint initiative between the South Hampshire local authorities (including Havant BC), Chichester District Council (CDC) and the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) to lessen potential recreational impacts from increased local housing development. The initiative is run by the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership (SRMP,) which is made up of 19 organisations and funded by contributions from all new residential dwellings within 5.6km of the SPAs.

3.40 The planned mitigation measures are set out in the Bird Aware Solent Revised Strategy (September 2024)[42], which was endorsed by PfSH. It adds further detail to the original strategy including a five-year plan and details on project costs and funding.

3.41 The main measures implemented through the strategy are a team of rangers to work with coastal visitors and communities to educate them about the birds and the adverse impacts of recreational disturbance. Additional work is taking place to encourage responsible dog walking and visits to less sensitive parts of the coast. This work is particularly important as research shows that around 40% of bird disturbance occurs as a result of interactions with dogs.

[42] https://birdaware.org/solent/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2024/09/PFSH-30-September-Strategy-Review.pdf

3.42 PfSH provides governance to the Bird Aware Partnership, who mitigate recreational disturbance to overwintering and breeding SPA birds from additional pressures resulting from new house building. The Bird Aware partnership has won several Planning Awards and has expanded the Bird Aware Brand to other parts of the Country most notably Bird Aware Essex Coast and Bird Aware Severn Estuary. The Bird Aware Solent Revised Strategy sets out the findings in relation to summer breeding birds in the Solent and information about the latest developer contributions and spending by Bird Aware to provide the mitigation for recreational disturbance. The Strategy and its updates form the basis for Policy 23: Recreational disturbance on international sites in the Publication Local Plan. The policy requires that development includes new residential development provide a financial contribution to Bird Aware, with the exception of sites where the developer can prove that they can deliver their own bespoke onsite or offsite mitigation. Table 7 of this Statement sets out in detail the key strategic issues being addressed by the Bird Aware Partnership.

Supporting Habitat - Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy Partnership

3.43 HBC along with the other PfSH authorities has funded the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy. This is a conservation partnership project, which aims to conserve terrestrial, non-SPA habitats used by internationally important wildfowl and wading bird populations within and around the SPA and Ramsar wetlands of the Solent coast.

3.44 There have been several iterations of the Strategy. It was first published in 2002 and focused on Brent Geese in the eastern Solent harbours; in 2010 an updated Solent-wide Strategy was published, covering both wading birds and wildfowl. The most recent version of the Strategy is the Solent Waders & Brent Goose Strategy 202443. The 2024 Strategy focuses on understanding bird movements from the SPA areas to inland sites, and between inland sites. The Strategy is supported by Mitigation Guidance (2014)[44] and live mapping showing the network of supporting habitat. The Strategy and supporting Mitigation Guidance informed the development of and are referenced in Policy 26: Solent Waders and Brent Goose feeding and roosting sites.

Protected Sites and Biodiversity

3.45 Havant Borough is home to several Internationally protected sites namely the coastal Special Protection Areas (SPAs) and Ramsar sites (Chichester and Langstone Harbour SPA/Ramsar, Solent and Dorset SPA) as well as the Solent Maritime Special Area of Conservation (SAC). These SPAs typically comprise tidal estuaries and / or harbour environments, with extensive mudflats and saltmarshes as well as other associated habitat such as saline lagoons, shingle beaches and more typical terrestrial habitats such as grasslands and woodlands. They are designated for a range of over-wintering and breeding coastal bird species. The associated Ramsar site designations include the relevant bird populations as well as various wetland habitats present. The SAC designation affords protection for the wide range of coastal and maritime habitats around the Solent coast. These international designations are underlain by various Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs).

3.46 The Local Plan is supported by a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA). The objective of this assessment is to identify any aspects of the Plan that are considered likely to have a significant effect on a protected habitats site either individually or in combination with other plans or projects.

3.47 The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 do not allow competent authorities to consent plans or projects that may have an adverse effect on the integrity of a designated habitats site unless specific derogation tests are met.

[43] https://solentwbgs.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/solent-waders-brent-goose-strategy-2020.pdf
[44] https://solentwbgs.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/swbgs-mitigation-guidance-oct-2018.pdf

3.48 The international and national protected sites are shared with neighbouring LPAs, meaning that impacts that affect the sites also impact the neighbouring LPAs. For example, Chichester and Langstone Harbours SPA is shared with PCC and CDC.

3.49 Table 6 of this Statement sets out in detail the key strategic issues in respect of the natural environment and how the Borough Council has addressed these through effective cooperation with PfSH partners.

Table 7: Evidence of the cooperation with neighbouring authorities in regards to employment

Strategic issues	• Wildlife habitats are subject to a range of pressures including population growth, recreational visitors, new development and traffic growth. International nature conservation designations are particularly vulnerable and require careful attention to the in-combination effects of human influence. • Impact upon the cross-boundary sites such as SPA/Ramsar and the Solent Maritime SAC. • Recreational Disturbance, specifically impacting wildfowl and waders, and the accommodation of supporting habitat associated with the SPAs. • Nutrient impacts, with nitrogen entering the Solent from wastewater treatment works and rivers leading to excess nutrification. • Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) has been introduced by Government in the last two years. There are opportunities for strategic offsite BNG solutions.
Partners	• All local authorities in PfSH with specific emphasis on those LPAs in South East Hampshire: East Hampshire, Fareham, Gosport, Portsmouth, Havant and Winchester. • Hampshire County Council, including the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre and as lead authority for the Local Nature Recovery Strategy. • PfSH's wider membership beyond the LPAs • HIOWWT in regard to BNG and Nutrient Neutrality Members of Bird Aware Solent comprising: • Chichester District Council • East Hampshire District Council • Eastleigh Borough Council • Fareham Borough Council • Gosport Borough Council • Hampshire County Council • Havant Borough Council • Isle of Wight Council • New Forest District Council • New Forest National Park Authority • Portsmouth City Council • South Downs National Park Authority • Southampton City Council • Test Valley Borough Council • Winchester City Council

	• Natural England • RSPB • Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust • Chichester Harbour Conservancy Members of the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy, conservation partnership which include: • HIOWWT • Natural England • RSPB • Hampshire County Council • Coastal Partners. The HIOWWT lead on the co-ordination of survey work and analysis of data for the SWBGS partnership. The partnership is funded by the South Hampshire local authorities including HBC.
Actions/outcomes	**Joint Working Arrangements - PfSH** **Bird Aware Solent** Bird Aware Solent is a partnership of local councils across South Hampshire and West Sussex. It raises awareness of the overwintering and breeding coastal bird species of the Solent area. *Bird Aware Solent Revised Strategy (September 2024)*[45]. This aims to prevent bird disturbance from recreational activities as a result of additional new homes. It seeks to do this through a series of management measures which actively encourage all coastal visitors to enjoy their visits in a responsible manner rather than restricting access to the coast or preventing activities that take place there. **Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy Partnership** *Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy (2024)*[46] The strategy relates to the protection of non-SPA terrestrial supporting habitat used by internationally important wildfowl and wading bird populations within the Solent area. The underlying principle of the strategy is to wherever possible conserve extant sites, and to create new sites, enhancing the quality and extent of the feeding and roosting resource. *Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy, Guidance on Mitigation and Off-setting Requirements (October 2024).*[47] A framework for mitigation and off-setting requirements by to achieve the long-term protection of the wider network of

[45] https://birdaware.org/solent/about-us/our-strategy/revised-strategy-2024/
[46] https://solentwbgs.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/solent-waders-brent-goose-strategy-2024.pdf
[47] https://solentwbgs.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/swbgs-mitigation-guidance-2024.pdf

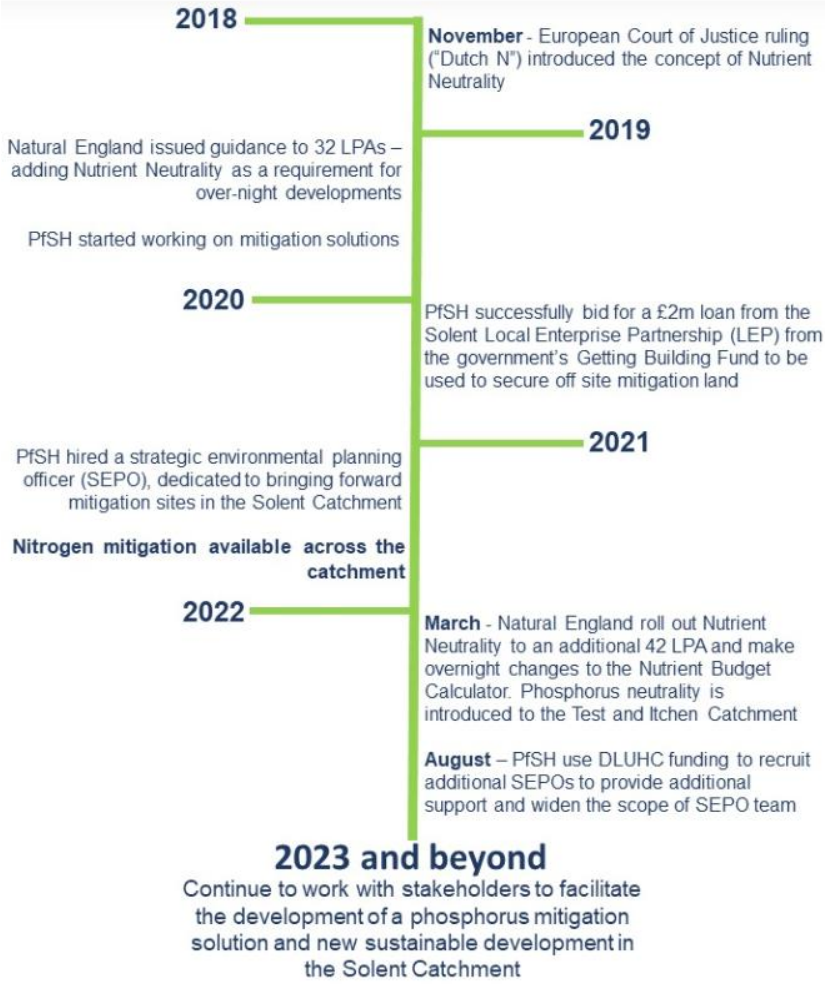
terrestrial supporting habitat sites. This network is under pressure from the growth planned in this area and formal guidance was considered necessary to define a standard approach for the protection and creation of non-designated sites.

Nutrient Neutrality

HBC working in partnership with PfSH has been proactive in solving nutrient neutrality in the Solent since the introduction of the requirement in 2019. PfSH now has a dedicated SEPT working across the Solent. The Solent Mitigation Partnership (SMP) operates under the umbrella of PfSH. The Borough Council has been working through PfSH POG and environment and water quality subgroups to develop a joined up solution to nutrient neutrality in the Solent.

The diagram below sets out the stages of work undertaken by PfSH (both by the SMP and directly by the officers of the LPA's) in developing nutrient neutrality solutions in the Solent.

Figure 1: Flow chart showing the progress of the PfSH authorities in addressing nutrient neutrality



PfSH Nutrient Work

	Potential nutrient mitigation schemes (February 2026[48]) This document lists nutrient schemes in the South Hampshire sub region. The list includes Warblington Farm which is the Council's own strategic mitigation scheme for planning applications of 15 dwellings or less (net) and regeneration projects within regeneration areas. The PfSH SMP works with third party providers in order to help set up further agreements for the provision of credits as required by each LPA. *Update on Nutrient Neutrality in the Solent Summary (April 2023)[49]* The report provided an update on the supply of and demand for nutrient mitigation measures around the Solent. The report also outlines other key workstreams being undertaken by the PfSH SMP. **PfSH Flood Risk Work** PfSH SFRA Steering Group. This group was set up in February 2026 and its first meeting took place in March. This group is investigating the need for standalone mapping to support the PfSH SFRA work. **Funding awarded by national Government to South Hampshire for environmental projects** For several years much needed development across the sub-region has been impacted because of environmental concerns, particularly around nutrients entering rivers and the Solent. The SMP on the behalf of the LPA's secured funding from the DLUHC totalling £9.6m (Local Nutrient Mitigation Fund) to support projects to protect the local environment. The money was awarded to the PfSH and will be used for a range of schemes led by individual councils. Projects being brought forward by the SMP include creation of new wetlands and nature reserve areas, improving water efficiency in council homes and upgrading council-owned wastewater treatment plants. **Solent Mitigation Partnership (SMP)** The Solent Mitigation Partnership (SMP) operates under the umbrella of PfSH. The primary objective of the SMP is to provide a strategic response to the nutrient neutrality issue across the impacted areas of the Solent. In addition to nutrient neutrality work, the SMP is now looking at the potential for BNG on sites across the Solent. An officer group has been set up and meeting on a regular basis led by

[48] https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Nutrient-Mitigation-Suppliers-Operational-February-2026.pdf

[49] https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Item-10-Nutrient-Neutrality-Update-1.pdf

	the SMP lead and attended by planners and ecologists from PfSH authorities **Joint Working Arrangements – SEH Group of Authorities** Since June 2025 PCC has been working closely with PCC and GBC on cross boundary issues within South East Hampshire (SEH). Since January 2026 FBC has joined the group of SEH and the four authorities have produced a joint SCG (March 20236) which addresses future joint working on strategic environmental matters (including the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and BNG) and references the officer group being set up to address this and other ecological issues in SEH. **Jointly Prepared Evidence Base – Environmental related PfSH studies** *South Hampshire Green Infrastructure Strategy (2017 - 2034) (Adopted March 2017)* [50]*, (Updated July 2018).* The purpose of this strategy is to set the vision and framework for the delivery of an integrated and multifunctional network of strategic scale green infrastructure (GI) across the South Hampshire sub-region. *South Hampshire Green Infrastructure Implementation Plan (June 2019)*[51]*.* This Implementation Plan is the delivery plan for South Hampshire Green Infrastructure Strategy 2017-2034 and will support the enhancement of the area's GI network, enabling growth and development across the sub-region and enhancement of the area's natural environment through the delivery of a number of key strategic GI projects/initiatives. The plan also sets the framework for more locally based GI planned and delivered at the district and community levels. *GI related strategies, plans and assessments for PfSH constituent and adjacent local planning authorities and partnerships (August 2019)* [52]*.* This table details specific GI projects by LPA area. *Integrated Water Management Study (May 2018)* [53] This report has been commissioned by the PfSH to assess any implications from the planned growth in the region for the water resource and water quality environment. **Flood Risk**

[50] https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/South-Hampshire-GI-Strategy-2017-2034-FINAL.pdf

[51] https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/South-Hampshire-Green-Infrastructure-Implementation-Plan-June-2019-.pdf

[52] https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/PfSH-Table-of-Relevant-Green-Infrastructure-Strategies-and-Plans-August-2019.pdf

[53] https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Integrated-Water-Management-Study-2018.pdf

	PfSH Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (February 2024)[54]. PCC commissioned consultants on the behalf of ten of the PfSH authorities to prepare an updated SFRA. The SFRA assesses the risk to the South Hampshire from all sources of flooding, now and in the future, taking into account the impacts of climate change, as well as assessing the cumulative impact that land use changes and development in the area will have on the flood risk. *PfSH Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) 2024*[55] The study was commissioned on behalf of ten PfSH authorities to prepare an updated SFRA. The SFRA assesses the risk to South Hampshire from all sources of flooding, now and in the future, taking into account the impacts of climate change, as well as assessing the cumulative impact that land use changes and development in the area will have on flood risk. **Spatial Position Statements** *PUSH Spatial Position Statement (June 2016)* [56] This position statement was developed to inform long-term decisions about the level and distribution of development in the sub-region over the period from 2011 to 2034. This SPS was informed by the environmental evidence base as set out earlier in this section. The SPS has since been superseded by the 2023 SPS, which is discussed in section 2 above. *PfSH Spatial Position Statement, (December 2023)* [57]This report helps to inform the preparation of and strategic co-ordination of local plans including the Building a Better Future Plan. This study was informed by the environmental evidence base as set out earlier in this section and supersedes the 2016 SPS. *PfSH (July 2024) BNG on Local Authority Land* The PfSH SEPT are working with local authorities including Havant to develop a business case for each potential BNG project using the specification for site modifications recommended by HCC Ecology Team. This report aims to give local authorities a stronger understanding of how BNG on local authority owned land will work in practice. **Statements of Common Ground between individual LPA's** *Statement of Common Ground Gosport Borough Council and Havant Borough Council (May 2026)*

[54] https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/SFRA-Part-1-Main-Report-V6-15.02.24.pdf
[55] https://www.push.gov.uk/work/planning-and-infrastructure/green-infrastructure-flooding-water-management/
[56] https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/PUSH-Spatial-Position-Statement-2016.pdf
[57] https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.push.gov.uk%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2023%2F12%2FPfSH-Spatial-Position-Statement-6-December-2023.doc&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK

	The Statement of Common Ground confirms that the two authorities will continue to work positively as part of wider sub regional partnership work. *Statement of Common Ground Portsmouth City Council & Havant Borough Council (October 2026)* The Statement of Common Ground confirms that the two authorities will continue to work closely on cross boundary issues e.g. proposed enhancement of Southmoor Nature Reserve in Havant. In addition, the two authorities are working together as part of the wider sub regional partnership work. *Statement of Common Ground between Chichester District Council & Havant Borough Council (November 2026)* The Statement of Common Ground sets out the two authorities' respective positions on nutrient neutrality and wastewater capacity and authorities' commitment to work together to jointly identify solutions to these issues. The Statement also identifies River Ems forms an important wildlife corridor between the two authorities.

Key Policy Outcomes for environmental matters

3.50 Policy 5: Green and Blue Infrastructure is new for the Regulation 19 Local Plan following input from Natural England.

3.51 Policy 23: Recreational disturbance on international sites has been written based on evidence created through the joint working undertaken by PfSH and Bird Aware Solent Partnership, specifically the Bird Aware Strategy (September 2024).

3.52 Policy 26: Solent Waders and Brent Goose feeding and roosting sites has been written based on evidence that has been commissioned through the joint working undertaken by PfSH. PfSH commissioned the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy Partnership to produce the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy (2024) and Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy, Guidance on Mitigation and Off-setting Requirements (2024).

3.53 Policy 27: Flood Risk has been informed by and refers to the PfSH SFRA Level 1, and the HBC SFRA (Local Plan Sites).

Transport

Promotion of Sustainable and Cross Boundary Active Travel

3.54 Hampshire County Council's Local Transport 4 (LTP4) sets out the vision for future transport and travel in Havant Borough. LTP4 proposes transformational changes which:

a) Shift away from planning for vehicles, towards planning for people and places;

b) Meet national priorities to decarbonise the transport system;

c) Reduce reliance on private car travel;

d) Support sustainable economic development and regeneration; and

e) Promote active lifestyles.

3.55 Havant BC operates under a two tier structure with transport functions being undertaken by HCC whilst the districts and boroughs provide the local planning function. HBC through its planning function, in particular in its approach to transport in the emerging Local Plan, is promoting the transport aims of Hampshire's LTP458, which seeks to bring about a shift away from planning for vehicles, towards planning for people and places.

3.56 Originally established in 2007, Solent Transport is an apolitical partnership between the councils of the Isle of Wight, Hampshire County, Portsmouth and Southampton. In collaboration with the local community, business, government and transport operators, Solent Transport undertakes research, develops transport policy and strategy, submits and supports funding bids and lobbies for transport improvements that will benefit everyone.

3.57 Solent Transport also works with the PfSH to deliver the transport objectives to promote economic regeneration in the sub-region. Solent Transport developed the Solent Sub-Regional Transport Model (SRTM). The SRTM is operated by the SYSTRA consultancy under contract to Solent Transport. Since its development in 2010, SRTM has been a key resource for securing several hundred million pounds of transport funding in the Solent and planning its delivery. SRTM has also informed numerous Local Plans, major development transport assessments and transport strategies and studies. The model represents a base year of 2019, and can be used for modelling of transport and land use scenarios for years through to 2046.

3.58 The Strategic Transport Assessment for the BBLP used the SRTM. The STRM includes relevant committed development schemes across the model area. In both STAs development growth is therefore assumed to continue in line with the adopted Local Plans for the respective neighbouring authorities. This is standard practice until and is agreed with the relevant Highway Authorities.

[58] https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/localtransportplan

Table 8: Evidence of the cooperation with neighbouring authorities in regards to transport

Strategic issues	Reducing the impact on the strategic and local road networks within Havant Borough. Creating modal shift to encourage transport by sustainable means and to reduce congestion and air quality impacts of car use, including cross boundary tips.
Partners	• All local authorities falling within the PfSH with specific emphasis on those LPAs in southeast Hampshire namely East Hampshire, Fareham, Gosport, Portsmouth and Winchester • Hampshire County Council • Solent Transport
Actions/outcomes	**Joint Working Arrangements - PfSH** *Partnership for South Hampshire Identification of Broad Areas of Search for Growth Assessments (December 2023).*[59] The Broad Areas of Search for Growth Assessments work has employed a constraint mapping approach to assess the potentially most sustainable broad locations, at the sub-regional scale, where it would be appropriate to identify sites for allocation in local plans. This includes mapping of transport constraints and opportunities. **Joint Working Arrangements – Hampshire County Council** Hampshire County Council (HCC) as Local Highway Authority have acted as a key partner authority to HBC, providing inputs into to the Local Plan throughout its preparation, including monthly 'check-ins' between officers from the Local Plan team and HCC's highways strategy team were scheduled to discuss the approach to transport in the Local Plan, as well as the selection of sites and the drafting of transport related topic policies. HCC Authority were also a key partner in the preparation of the Strategic Transport Assessment (STA) for the Local Plan, attending workshops with HBC officers and their TA consultants, National Highways and neighbouring local highway authorities; Through these workshops the Vision for the Transport Assessment, as part of the vision led approach, was agreed; findings of model runs were reviewed and the mitigation package agreed.

[59] https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Broad-Areas-of-Search-for-Growth-Assessments-6.12.23.pdf

	Joint Working Arrangements - Solent Transport Solent Transport provides leadership, strategy and direction to support sustainable economic growth as detailed in paragraph 3.4.7. *Transport Delivery Plan (TDP) 2012- 2026 (2012).*[60] This TDP identifies a set of schemes for the period up to 2026, framed by an overall approach to delivery that positions TfSH with the flexibility to mobilise quickly to secure funding opportunities from a variety of sources. *Transport for South Hampshire Evidence Base Case and Options for Intervention (2012).*[61] This report supports the TDP and sets out the evidence base and options for intervention. *Subregional Transport model (2015, updated regularly).*[62] Solent Transport has worked together to deliver the Solent Sub Regional Transport Model (SRTM). SRTM is operated by SYSTRA consultancy under contract to Solent Transport. Since its development in 2010, SRTM has been a key resource supporting securing several hundred million pounds of transport funding in the Solent and planning its delivery. SRTM has also informed the PLP and supporting Transport Study. **Statements of Common Ground between individual LPA's** *Statement of Common Ground Portsmouth City Council & Havant Borough Council (October 2026)* The Statement of Common Ground sets out the two authorities' respective positions on their Strategic Transport Assessments and the impact of development on the respective areas. No interventions are recommended through Portsmouth's TA in line with decide and provide approach. *Statement of Common Ground between Chichester District Council & Havant Borough Council (November 2026)* The Statement of Common Ground sets out the two authorities' respective positions on their transport evidence and the impact of development on the respective areas. The authorities and the respective highway authorities will continue to work together to discuss transport issues associated with the A27 and A259, and delivery of any required transport infrastructure.

[60] https://documents.hants.gov.uk/transport-for-south-hampshire/TransportDeliveryPlan.pdf
[61] https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Transport-for-South-Hampshire-2012.pdf
[62] https://solent-transport.com/solent-sub-regional-transport-model/#:~:text=The%20SRTM%20is%20a%20multi,economic%20impacts%20of%20these%20interventions.

Key Policy Outcomes in regard to Transport

3.59 The Borough Council's planning team liaised with National Highways and Hampshire County Council as the Local Highway Authority throughout the plan preparation process. At each stage of the Strategic Transport Assessment process, all relevant parties met and agreed an approach to the work going forward. This has resulted in an agreement of a SoCG.

3.60 Policy 55: Accessibility, Transport and Parking was informed by the Strategic Transport Assessment which takes a decide and provide' approach advocated by Hampshire County Council's LTP4.

Appendix 1 - Schedule of meetings and outcomes

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This table highlights the key points and decisions made through cooperation in the preparation of the Regulation 19 Local Plan.

Abbreviations

The table includes a number of abbreviations as follows:

PUSH - Partnership for Urban South Hampshire

PfSH - Partnership for South Hampshire (formerly PUSH)

PfSH POG - Partnership for South Hampshire Planning Officers Group

BDBC – Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

CDC - Chichester District Council

CHC – Chichester Harbour Conservancy

EBC - Eastleigh Borough Council

EHDC - East Hampshire District Council

GBC - Gosport Borough Council

FBC - Fareham Borough Council

HBC - Havant Borough Council

HCC - Hampshire County Council

IWC - Isle of Wight Council

PCC - Portsmouth City Council

RBC – Rushmoor Borough Council

SCC - Southampton City Council

SDNPA – South Downs National Park Authority

TVBC – Test Valley Borough Council

WCC - Winchester City Council

DLUHC - Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities

EA - Environment Agency

HE - Historic England

MHCLG - Ministry for Housing Communities and Local Government

LNRS – Local Nature Recovery Strategy

SDOA - Strategic Development Opportunity Area

SFRA - Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

Solent LEP - Solent Local Economic Partnership

SEPO - Strategic Environmental Planning Officer

SEPT - Strategic Environmental Planning Team

SHMA - Strategic Housing Market Assessment

Solent Forum NEG – Natural Environment Group

SRMP - Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership

SWBGS – Solent Waders & Brent Goose Strategy

SPS - Spatial Position Statement

Date	Body	Method	Summary of Outcomes
2021			
January 2021	PfSH Joint Committee	Meeting of all PfSH members and chief executives	PfSH agrees to officers broadening the discussion to include a wide range of partners in building a commitment to a jointly owned public-private Greenprint for South Hampshire including input from the NHS. PfSH agrees a budget of £12,500 be added to the PfSH base budget for 2021-22 to continue the work of the Culture Creative Industries Built Environment, themed panel. PfSH endorses the SRMP's proposed method of making up any potential budget deficit should the need arise and proposed budget for 2021/22; PfSH endorses the SRMP's request for more active involvement from all Partners.
February 2021	PfSH Planning Officers Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	PfSH POG agreed to analyse the employment land/floorspace supply against the need identified in the study using 2020 data – on a sub-regional basis (i.e. the PfSH Functional Economic Market Area). PfSH POG agreed to consider the most appropriate locations for up to five strategic warehouses
March 2021	PfSH Joint Committee	Meeting of all PfSH members and chief executives	PfSH approved the proposed revenue budget for 2021/22. PfSH agreed to a contribution of £20,000 from PfSH's unallocated resources to support a programme of work to develop the Greenprint for South Hampshire.
May 2021	PfSH Planning Officers Group (1st meeting)	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	PfSH'S POG agrees that its key ambitions remain unchanged. PfSH POG also agreed which policies should and which policies shouldn't be retained in the updated PfSH SoCG.
May 2021	PfSH Planning Officers Group (2nd meeting)	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	POG agree the following recommendations to be put to July Joint Committee: • Local Authorities consider the purchase of nitrogen mitigation credits from mitigation suppliers

Date	Body	Method	Summary of Outcomes
			specifically to meet the needs of minor development based on an individual Authority's assessment of need. • Authorities that wish to purchase credits are recommended to do so on a combined catchment basis to ensure best market value is achieved. Authorities are recommended to use a standard suite of template legal agreements to reduce the legal costs to developers and to make the determination of application process more efficient.
June 2021	PfSH Planning Officers Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	PfSH POG agreed to the following in respect to looking at potential warehousing sites to:- • Revisit the criteria used to identify sites • Examine current demand for warehousing • nationally (de-couple from the local view and consider the nature of interest in southern England more generally) • pin down what criteria are being used by those looking for sites in determining what is required (business need)
July 2021	PfSH Chief Executives	Meeting of all PfSH Chief Executives	• Natural England presented ideas for broadening the biodiversity agenda using Bird Aware e.g. nutrient mitigation, nature recovery. PfSH Chief Executives agreed that the idea should be explored and worked up in consultation with POG. • Update on PfSH Green Infrastructure and Green Belt designation work, including a number of local authorities yet to respond. It was acknowledged that there were delays to commissioning the work may impact on the completion of the wider SoCG/Joint Strategy. • It was agreed that the PfSH Business Plan 2021-2025 should be refreshed, and considered at September 2021 Joint Committee. • All reports were agreed for submission to Joint Committee.

Date	Body	Method	Summary of Outcomes
July 2021	PfSH Planning Officers Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning officer leads	PfSH POG agreed that the Joint Strategy should remain focussed to 2036, but that a vision to 2050 would be beneficial.
July 2021	PfSH Joint Committee	Meeting of all PfSH members and chief executives	Bird Aware Solent Annual Report is approved for publication on the PfSH website. PfSH approves the updated revenue budget for 2021/22. PfSH endorses the recommendations to member local planning authorities that: - i. PfSH local planning authorities consider the purchase of nitrogen mitigation credits from mitigation suppliers specifically to meet the needs of minor development based on an individual Authority's assessment of need. ii. PfSH local planning authorities that wish to purchase credits are recommended to do so on a combined catchment basis to ensure best market value is achieved. iii. PfSH local planning authorities use a standard suite of template legal agreements to reduce the legal costs to developers and to make the determination of application process more efficient.
September 2021	PfSH Chief Executives	Meeting of all PfSH Chief Executives	• PfSH Chief Executives agreed to extend the SEPO role by 2 years to maintain continuity and coordination across environmental work. • Agreed to continue the design practitioners' group as a formal PfSH subgroup with a focus on continued professional development and promoting good practice. • No firm decision on future funding for the design awards, to be considered at Joint Committee (Feb 2022) with a recommendation to continue but noting resource implications. • Agreed to commission workshop in relation to the development of the Creative economy via the Southern Policy Centre. • PfSH Business Plan approved with references to green belt removed. • PfSH Chief executives agreed revisions to the PfSH Statement of Common Ground and asked that emphasis

Date	Body	Method	Summary of Outcomes
			was added on the importance of successfully developing a joint statement.
September 2021	PfSH Planning Officers Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	PfSH POG agreed that Natural England and PfSH Officers to set up an 'Environmental Delivery Group' to explore different options for the joint delivery of environmental initiatives. PfSH POG agreed that a report should go to Joint Committee recommending a one-year extension to the PfSH SEPO position. PfSH POG agreed the proposed revisions to the update of the PfSH SoCG. PfSH POG agreed the revised version of the Statement should be put to PfSH Joint Committee on the 25 October for sign-off.
October 2021	PfSH Joint Committee	Meeting of all PfSH members and chief executives	Joint Committee will be asked to approve the Business Plan for 2021-2025 for publication on the PfSH website. Approves the SoCG between PfSH local authorities and FBC. PfSH agrees to an extension of the SEPO role for PfSH for no more than two years to the end of 2023. PfSH agrees to continue PfSH funding for the Solent Design/Quality Place Awards. PfSH agrees the Bird Aware Solent budget for 2022-2023. Joint Committee approves the content of the SoCG.
November 2021	Chichester District Council, East Hampshire District Council, Fareham Borough Council, Gosport Borough	Email from Havant Borough Council following receipt of Inspectors' Interim Findings to all of the local authorities bordering Havant together with Fareham and Gosport	Highlights the Interim Findings report in respect of the previous Local Plan. Several sizeable sites from supply are removed from supply which means the Council is unable to meet the collective need for housing. Indicates a need for HBC to seek offers to accommodate unmet need from Duty

Date	Body	Method	Summary of Outcomes
	Council, and Winchester City Council	(which fall within the same Housing Market Area)	to Cooperate partners. Invitation to virtual roundtable discussion.
November 2021	East Hampshire District Council, Fareham Borough Council, Gosport Borough Council and Winchester City Council (1st meeting)	Meetings to discuss Havant Borough Local Plan Interim Findings (split due to officer availability)	HBC provided a brief presentation on the Local Plan (LP) stage 1 hearings, with a focus on questions raised regarding housing deliverability. It was noted that 2,230 homes would be removed from HBC's supply and that HBC is asking neighbouring LPAs whether they are able to meet any of this requirement. It was agreed by all LPAs that PfSH work towards a Joint Strategy was the most suitable vehicle for addressing supply position. Neighbouring authorities confirmed willingness and desire to cooperate and help HBC. Housing land supply of each authority was discussed.
November 2021	Portsmouth City Council and Chichester District Council (2nd meeting)		
December 2021	PfSH Planning Officers Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	PfSH POG agreed to recommend that PfSH Joint Committee formally support the SWBGS strategy and mitigation guidance.
2022			
January 2022	PfSH Chief Executives	Meeting of all PfSH Chief Executives	• PfSH Chief Executives considered a member presentation on potential strategic development opportunity areas. • The PfSH Budget and Budget Report 2022-23 was agreed. • PfSH Coordinators' Report agreed. • Greenprint for South Hampshire Update agreed. • PfSH Chief Executives generally supported the Solent Waders and Brent Geese mitigation guidance and provision of funding. A more strategic approach to funding of nutrient mitigation, biodiversity net gain and wider environmental requirements was discussed. • Reports on the Cultural Industries and Built Environment and Nutrient Mitigation supply and demand analysis was also agreed.
February 2022	PfSH Joint Committee	Meeting of all PfSH members and chief executives	PfSH agrees in principle the ten outcomes which are proposed as a basis for developing a PfSH-wide approach to a green recovery.

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			PfSH formally acknowledges the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy 2020 and Mitigation Guidance 2018 as key reference documents for policy and decision making by PfSH and its partners as appropriate. PfSH agrees Solent Waders and Brent Goose Steering Group's request for annual PfSH funding of £14k. PfSH approves the proposed revenue budget for 2022/23. PfSH agrees to proceed with its support for Creative Network South on the basis of Hampshire Chamber of Commerce continuing as host.
April 2022	PfSH Planning Officers Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	PfSH POG that existing PfSH working groups should adapt in such a way as to ensure a flexible and coordinated approach to the management of funds for phosphate mitigation with officials in Wiltshire and IoW.
April 2022	Test Valley Borough Council	Representations from HBC to Test Valley's Draft Local Plan 2040	The 2021 Inspectors' Interim Findings highlighted concerns in relation to over 2000 new homes in the Council's supply. Given the increase in housing need and some of the Inspectors' concerns, it will not be possible for HBC to meet the need for new housing. Seeks formal commitment from Test Valley Borough Council to accommodate unmet need its new local plan.
May 2022	PfSH Planning Officers Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	PfSH POG agreed that the SoCG should be updated to assess housing need and supply to 2040. PfSH POG agreed to a series of edits to the LUC Green Infrastructure and Green Belt Designation South Hampshire Policy Review Report.
July 2022	PfSH Joint Committee	Meeting of all PfSH members and chief executives	PfSH agree that the available nutrient funding received from DLUHC will be spent on additional nutrient mitigation staffing capacity, with some funds set aside for required consultancy work. PfSH approves the Statement of Accounts for the 2021/22.

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September 2022	PfSH Chief Executives	Meeting of all PfSH chief executives	• The Joint Strategy has reached a critical stage. • Local transport authorities (LTA) and local planning authorities) have not been able to identify an agreed approach to identifying SDOAs. HCC not able to sign off any strategy that is not sustainable transport-led. • Discussions with LTA officers have failed to clarify what a sustainable transport led strategy would look like. Only one 'new' potential SDOA within the PfSH area at land west of the A3 at Purbrook (Southwick Estate land mainly in WCC area) has been suggested by HCC • Work undertaken looking into the feasibility of increasing densities in the more accessible SDOA locations already identified has had only limited impact on potential additional housing supply. • The stalling of the work will lead to the need for bilateral agreements to deal with the issue of unmet housing need in local plans, and the loss of the ability to plan positively and planning by appeal will become inevitable. • PfSH's working relationship with Solent Transport has been discontinued at the request of Hampshire County Council until such a time that an agreement on a way forward has been settled. • A general consensus among chief executives that continuing with a collective approach to developing a joint strategy is preferable to other alternatives.
September 2022	PfSH Joint Committee	Meeting of all PfSH members and chief executives	PfSH agrees that discussions should continue to take place that explore IWC's options for re-joining the PfSH. PfSH endorses the Bird Aware (SRMP's) eighth Annual Report. PfSH agrees that the Southern Policy Centre is invited to run a seminar with PfSH representatives and appropriate others (for example the Solent LEP).

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September 2022	PfSH Planning Officers Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	PfSH POG agreed a proposal that a team of planning officers lead by FBC should provide cover for the SoCG work. PfSH POG agreed that NE should address the matter of the establishment of an 'Accelerator Unit' in terms of its relationship with PfSH.
November 2022	PfSH Chief Executives	Meeting of all PfSH Chief Executives	Moving forward with the Joint Strategy: • PfSH leaders and local transport authorities to outline the current position and impasse in respect of the progress of developing the Joint Strategy • Secretary of State DLUHC outlining local constraints when attempting to meet unmet need through developing a Joint Strategy. Chief executives discussed the approach to the Members' SoCG Briefing.
November 2022	Winchester City Council	Email response from Winchester City Council on Havant Borough's Regulation 18 consultation document	Welcomes proposed approach to housing provision but suggests there should be more emphasis on deliverability. Premature to conclude that the Borough will be unable to meet its housing need in full. Before any formal request to meet unmet housing need – every opportunity has to be thoroughly explored. Requests involvement with planning decisions relating to infrastructure that will be used by those living in West of Waterlooville.
November 2022	South Downs National Park Authority	Representations from SDNPA to HBC's Building a Better Future consultation	Welcome the proposed approach to recognise, protect and enhance designated landscapes and refuse planning permission for applications that cannot remove the significant effect on designated sites. Notes likely unmet need and an annual shortfall of 197 homes per year in the South Downs National Park.
November 2022	Winchester City Council	Representations from HBC to Winchester District Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation	Notes the plan makes provision to meet Winchester's housing need in full, together within some need from the South Downs National Park. Highlights significant unmet need across the sub-region including Portsmouth and Havant.

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			HBC will build on its housing supply evidence before any formal request to accommodate unmet need from Havant. Highlights need significant joint working required as both authorities move towards Regulation 19 Plans.
December 2022	PfSH Joint Committee	Meeting of all PfSH members and chief executives	PfSH approves the content of the SoCG. PfSH agrees to prioritise the focus of PfSH over the next three to six months to work on the SDOAs, prepare a case on environmental constraints and continue to lobby government. PfSH endorses the Bird Aware Partnership's proposed budget for 2023/24
December 2022	PfSH Chief Executives	Meeting of all PfSH Chief Executives	Chief executives agreed the budget proposal 2023/24. Re. Joint Strategy POG to explore with LTA officials the scope for flexibility around LTP4 requirements. Proposal agreed in November (to lobby government around planning constraints in South Hampshire) unlikely to change individual LA positions. Chief Executives to consider report on new settlement as part of meeting south Hampshire's unmet need.
December 2022	PfSH Planning Officers Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	PfSH POG decided that the LUC interim work, valued at £26k, should commence (for completion Feb to May 2023).
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January 2023	PfSH Chief Executives	Meeting of all PfSH Chief Executives	PfSH Chief Executives discussed moving forward on the Joint Strategy including: - Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill (NPPF consultation) - New settlement report – no real appetite for further consideration of a new settlement in south Hampshire. - View from the local transport authorities (SDOAs, design and densities) – new development must utilise, as far as possible, existing transport

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			infrastructure and new developments should encourage walking and cycling. - Feedback from POG: scrutiny and validation of SDOA densities – some SDOAs were ruled out at JC. Total unmet need stands at 20K. - Consideration of PfSH members workshop 30 January including NPPF consultation and constraints mapping. Chief executives considered the session should avoid fixating on unmet need figures and focus on the principles of supporting growth.
January 2023	Historic England	Meeting to discuss Campdown Settings Study	Discussion and feedback on the draft Settings Study
February 2023	PfSH Planning Officers Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	PfSH POG agreed the funding contributions are necessary, for the PfSH SoCG and SFRA. PfSH POG agreed the content of the draft Nutrient Mitigation report for submission to Joint Committee. PfSH POG agreed the future work programme in regard to the SoCG and SPS.
March 2023	PfSH Planning Officers Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	PfSH POG agreed that the work should proceed on Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG). Regarding assessing demand of units in the context of the proposed PfSH wide work.
April 2023	PfSH Joint Committee	Meeting of all PfSH members and chief executives	PfSH endorse funding the study related to breeding birds if the legal view is that Bird Aware funds cannot be used for this purpose. PfSH agrees that, in the first instance, external funding is sought to cover the operational costs of the SEPT to March 2025. PfSH approves the proposed revenue budget for 2023/24. PfSH agrees an extension to March 2025 for the SEPT.
May 2023	PfSH Planning Officers Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	PfSH POG agreed to Hampshire Ecology as the chosen supplier for the BNG study.

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			Proposals and preparation for a bid for DLUHC funding support for nutrient mitigation Funding agreed by PfSH POG.
June 2023	PfSH Planning Officers Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	PfSH POG agreed the Scoping Report for the Content of the SPS, with amendments for climate change and housing and employment supply. PfSH POG agreed that the Task and Finish Group should discuss whether or not to undertake an SA. PfSH POG agreed to not to progress green/blue strategy work further by commissioning work on landscape and gaps. PfSH POG agreed that LUC's May 2022 report and more recent green/blue interim report (2023) will be sufficient.
June 2023	PfSH Chief Executives	Meeting of all PfSH Chief exectuives	PfSH Chrief Executive considered PfSH Jopint Committee (11 July) Reporting: a) PfSH Statement of Accounts 22/23 b) Nutrient Mitigation (local government nutrient funding opportunities) Update on progress and consideration of the revised SoCG for presentation to Joint Committee 11 July
July 2023	PfSH Joint Committee	Meeting of all PfSH members and chief executives	PfSH approves the Statement of Accounts for the 2022/23. PfSH agrees the outline approach for use of the Local Nutrient Mitigation Fund should funding become available. PfSH approves implementation of the following projects on receipt of funding: i. Water efficiency project ii. Small wastewater treatment works and septic tank upgrade project.
August 2023	Winchester City Council	Letter from Winchester City Council	• Update on local plan timetable. • Update on Gypsy and Traveller / Travelling Showpeople Accommodation and request for assistance with identified need within the GTAA. • Proposes Statement of Common Ground and Duty to Cooperate meeting to discuss.

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September 2023	PfSH Chief Executives	Meeting of all PfSH chief executives	Chief executives agreed an amendments to the PfSH SoG concern the provision of green belt (proposed by EBC and TVBC). Final draft reports to be presented to Joint Committee: - Green infrastructure evidence base report - Nutrient mitigation update - Bird Aware annual report - Bird Aware funding for site-specific projects - Greenprint Updates - New Forest Recreation Mitigation - PfSH Coordinator's Report
September 2023	PfSH Joint Committee	Meeting of all PfSH members and chief executives	PfSH agrees to continue to take a leading role in driving forward a regional green recovery. PfSH approves the content of the SoCG. PfSH endorses the SRMP's ninth Annual Report. PfSH endorses the principle of planning authorities continuing to work together to develop an agreed package of mitigation measures to be implemented within the New Forest's internationally designated sites.
October 2023	PfSH Planning Officers Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	PfSH POG agreed amendments to the SPS, and the Broad Areas of Search for Growth Assessments evidence base document.
October 2023	East Hampshire District Council	Duty to Cooperate meeting	Both authorities provided an update on their respective local plans. EHDC noted ongoing work ongoing to disaggregate their standard method figure and challenge to find suitable gypsy and traveller sites.
October 2023	Fareham Borough Council	Duty to Cooperate meeting	Following adoption of Local Plan (April 2023), FBC is focusing on Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). From the emerging findings of the HBC Constraints Study it was noted that FBC is similarly affected by Solent Waders and Brent Geese.
October 2023	Chichester District Council	Duty to Cooperate meeting	Meeting to share emerging findings of HBC Constraints Study. Update on respective housing need and supply

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			positions, including emerging unmet housing need from HBC. CDC highlight a significant need for gypsies and travellers pitches.
November 2023	PfSH Chief Executives	Meeting of all PfSH chief executives	PfSH chief executives considered the main reports to PfSH Joint Committee 6 December 2023: • PfSH SoCG Broad Areas of Search Assessment and evidence base – including consideration of constraints and transport infrastructure requirements. • Final changes to Draft Spatial Position Statement following the Royal Assent to the Final Draft Spatial Position Statement • PfSH Coordinators Report Following the Bird Aware 5-year review, chief executives noted a study has been commissioned to look at the mitigating the disturbance of summer birds. It was agreed a member briefing would take place. It was agreed that a sub-group would look at the recommendation for PfSH to take forward a leading role in driving forward a regional green recovery. SEPO Team officer posts for the 24/35 financial years to possibly be funded through local authority contributions.
November 2023	Winchester City Council	Duty to Cooperate meeting	Both authorities provided an update on their respective local plans. Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation needs were discussed, formal response to Winchester's request for assistance to be provided once Havant's Gypsy and Traveller Assessment has been provided. Havant provided a presentation on its Constraints Study and an update on the housing need and supply position.
November 2023	Portsmouth City Council	Duty to Cooperate meeting	Both authorities provided an update on respective local plans, including discussions with other neighbouring authorities on unmet housing need. Respective employment need and supply positions were also discussed.

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November 2023	Gosport Borough Council	Duty to Cooperate meeting	Both authorities provided an update on respective local plans. Gosport noted viability as a key issue for development deliverability. GBC have an unmet need position of 2,445 homes.
November 2023	PfSH Planning Officers Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	PfSH POG agreed the SPS and evidence base - Freedom of Information Protocol.
December 2023	PfSH Joint Committee	Meeting of all PfSH members and chief executives	PfSH resolve to note the content of the Broad Areas of Search for Growth Assessments document and that it will be published on the PfSH website. PfSH approves the content of the SPS.
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January 2024	PfSH Chief Executives	Meeting of PfSH Chief Executives	• The SEPO provided an update on the Local Nutrient Mitigation Fund including the proposed approach to the delivery of the nutrient mitigation initiatives. • Chief executives agreed to organise a short series of workshops on the Greenprint for South Hampshire that will help Members to understand how they can support the initiative. • The Bird Aware Solent briefing for members on the extension of the Strategy to 2050, to include summer birds and an increase in costs of resourcing has been postponed. • It was agreed that PfSH includes £15 in its budget for financial year 24/25 for continued support for Creative Network South.
January 2024	Winchester City Council	Draft Statement of Common Ground received from Winchester City Council for comment and review	At the time of receipt, both Councils awaiting update to the evidence base that would inform the Gypsy and Traveller and Housing positions that would inform the final wording of the SoCG.
February 2024	PfSH Chief Executives	Meeting of all PfSH Chief Executives	• PfSH Chief Executives agreed approach to the purchase of the Rowlands Castle site using the Local Nutrient Fund Update. A nutrient mitigation supply and demand report was also approved for Joint Committee. • Update on the Greenprint and South Hampshire and Members workshop planned for 23 February.

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			• PfSH Chief executives agreed the PfSH Budget Request report for PfSH Joint Committee. • PfSH Bird Aware Budget Request report agreed but amended to provide greater clarity on service level agreement cost increases. • PfSH Coordinators report approved for Joint Committee, future updates to include Levelling Up and Regeneration Act implementation. • Cllr Woodward stepping down as PfSH Chairman in May 2024. Chief executives to discuss with their respective leaders the option of putting themselves forward.
February 2024	PfSH Planning Officers Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	PfSH POG agreed the proposals in principle - to use some of the DLUHC nutrient revenue funding for the PfSH SSEPO posts for FY 2024/25, and begin to consider the potential for longer term funding
March 2024	PfSH Planning Officers Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	PfSH POG the proposals and that the PfSH SEPO has the authority to advertise the officer roles required
March 2024	PfSH Joint Committee	Meeting of all PfSH members and chief executives	PfSH agree that the PfSH continues to support Creative Network South in financial year 2024/25, by allocating a budget of £15k. PfSH approves the proposed revenue budget for 2024/25. PfSH endorses the Bird Aware Partnership's proposed budget for 2024/25.
March 2024	East Hampshire District Council, Fareham Borough Council, Gosport Borough Council, Portsmouth City Council, South Downs National Park Authority, Winchester City Council	Letters from Havant Borough Council formally requesting assistance with unmet housing need	Formally requests assistance in meeting unmet housing need and provides update on employment evidence base and possible shortfall of employment land.
March 2024	Winchester City Council	Response from WCC to HBC's request from Havant Borough Council to help meet housing need under the Duty to Cooperate	Whilst the City Council remains ready and willing to work and cooperate with Havant BC and our other neighbouring authorities, we have a major challenge ourselves meeting the increase in housing numbers with 40% of the district being located in the SDNP and the issue of both

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			phosphorous and nitrates. The City Council is unable to commit to providing any additional assistance on housing or employment supply to Havant BC at this time, but we will continue to liaise with you under the DtC as we move forward with the next Local Plan review.
April 2024	Chichester District Council	Response from CDC to HBC's formal request for assistance with unmet housing need	Havant's unmet housing need is noted. CDC's Local Plan close to submission and sets out housing target below the standard method due to constrained capacity of the A27. This means Chichester has its own unmet housing need and is not in a position to accommodate any unmet housing need from Havant Borough. Only a small part of Chichester's Plan Area shares a Housing Market Area with Havant – and a significant amount of development is proposed in this area already. Further work is ongoing in relation to the mitigation of transport impacts from the level proposed. Noted ongoing work in relation to employment requirements and as such any potential unmet need is not yet identified/quantified.
May 2024	PfSH Joint Committee	Meeting of all PfSH members and chief executives	PfSH agreed to the production of an annual SoCG. The group considered that there is merit in maintaining a factual account of the collective housing need and supply.
May 2024	Chichester District Council	Meeting to agree Statement of Common Ground in support of Chichester's Local Plan 2021-2039	Discussions to agree remaining outstanding areas including: • it was agreed that further transport modelling would be needed at Southbourne Broad Location of Development (taking into account HBC's growth strategy). • both authorities will work together to consider how unmet Gypsy and Travelling Showpeople needs can be met.
June 2024	PfSH Chief Executives	Meeting of all PfSH Chief Executives	• July Joint Committee moved from 8 July to 23 July due to pre-election period. Overview & Scrutiny Committee also rescheduled. • PfSH Chief Executives agreed the PfSH Budget Monitoring and Statement of Accounts 23/24 for Joint Committee.

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			• A PfSH contribution of up to £4,000 was agreed to fund a Natural England workshop on the Environment Act 2021 and the implications of local authorities. • A decision on the preparation of a PfSH annual Statement of Common Ground was deferred. • The review of the Bird Aware Strategy was broadly positive but highlighted resourcing issues, the need to include summer bird mitigation and extend the timeframe to 2050. It was noted that there would be minimal impact on developer contributions. • For the deployment of the Local Nutrient Mitigation Fund, chief executives agreed capital spending authorisation of £3,498m and revenue spending of £272k. • Annual Statement of Common Ground to be considered by PfSH Joint Committee in September.
July 2024	PfSH Natural Environment Group	Meeting of all PfSH nutrient and BNG officer leads	The group agreed to convene a task and finish group to complete a supply and demand analysis for BNG units.
July 2024	PfSH Planning Officers Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	PfSH POG agreed that housing figures to both 2036 *and* 2039 should be collected to satisfy the need to understand the new position against the 2036 figures in the Spatial Position Statement, and to satisfy the need to make a prediction to 2039 (NPPF requirement for 15 years hence). PfSH POG agreed a proposal for the re-allocation of funding for research to inform evidence-based planning (in partnership with the University of Southampton) for phosphate mitigation in the mid, and also the upper Itchen catchments. PfSH POG agreed that the PfSH SEPO should re-advertise the planning position within the SEPO team - which remains vacant following one previous recruitment exercise
July 2024	PfSH Joint Committee	Meeting of all PfSH members and chief executives	PfSH agreed that Joint Committee should engage with the new Government to ensure that the needs of Solent area, in relation to nutrient mitigation, are fully understood.

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			PfSH agreed a contribution of up to £4k, from unallocated reserves, to fund an 'Environment Act 2021: Implementation Workshop for Local Authorities' facilitated by the Local Nature Partnership. PfSH agreed to support a funding application to the Arts and Humanities Research Council for initiatives that will help to increase the impact of the creative research network in South Hampshire. PfSH approved the proposed £9.6m capital programme funding allocation from the Local Nutrient Mitigation Fund (LNMF) and also approved the proposed £422,610 revenue funding allocation from the LNMF.
August 2024	PfSH	All PfSH members and chief executives to discuss response to the NPPF consultation	The PfSH authorities prepared and submitted a response to the NPPF consultation[63], highlighting the key issues facing the sub region.
August 2024	Winchester City Council	Interim Statement of Common Ground in support of WCC's Local Plan	It was noted by WCC and HBC that the 'unmet needs allowance' was not apportioned to any one local authority with unmet need and that the level of unmet need in the sub-region exceeds the 'unmet needs allowance'. Both authorities agreed to work in collaboration with all other PfSH authorities.
August 2024	Environment Agency	Email exchange between EA and HBC	Clarification of most appropriate data sources for fluvial flood risk.
September 2024	PfSH Natural Environment Group	Meeting of all PfSH nutrient and BNG officer leads	The group agreed to provide information to update the Nutrient Supply and Demand Reporting. The group agreed to record offsite BNG demand within each LPA area.
September 2024	PfSH Joint Committee	Meeting of all PfSH members and chief executives	PfSH agreed that Joint Committee Endorse the Creation of a Greenprint Network. Endorses the Bird Aware Partnership Revised Strategy. Agrees the Deployment of the Local Mitigation Fund.

[63] https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Partnership-for-South-Hampshire-Response-to-NPPF-Revisions-Consultation-20.09.24-FINAL.pdf

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October 2024	PfSH Natural Environment Group	All PfSH nutrient and BNG officer leads	The group agreed to provide information to update the Nutrient Supply and Demand Reporting.
October 2024	Winchester City Council	Meeting to agree Statement of Common Ground in support of WCC's Local Plan	It was agreed that the unmet needs allowance of 1,900 dwellings in WCC's Proposed Submission Local Plan should be apportioned to individual local authorities. Considering the additional formal request from Portsmouth City Council to accommodate unmet housing need – it was agreed the current unmet need allowance would be apportioned as follows: • To Portsmouth City Council: 30% apportionment of the unmet need housing allowance in the Winchester District Local Plan. • To Havant Borough Council:70% apportionment of the unmet need housing allowance in the Winchester District Local Plan.
October 2024	Winchester City Council	HBC's representations to Winchester District Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation	Notes commitment to set out that 70% of the unmet housing need allowance in the Winchester District Local Plan would be for Havant Borough. Highlights collaborative work undertaken to agree a Statement of Common Ground.
November 2024	PfSH Planning Officers Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	SEPO update provided and approach to future PfSH SoCG agreed.
November 2024	PfSH Natural Environment Group	Meeting of all PfSH nutrient and BNG officer leads	Discussion on the progress of the LNRS with HCC, Solent Mitigation Partnership update.
December 2024	Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)	Meeting of all Hampshire LPA and environment officer leads	LNRS relaunch event. Detailed discussion on the way forward and scope for the LNRS.
December 2024	PfSH Joint Committee	Meeting of all PfSH members and chief executives	The Joint Committee endorsed the Bird Aware Partnership's proposed budget for 2025/26. The committee agreed the Local Nutrient Mitigation Fund (LNMF) capital programme.
December 2024	Heritage England	Email attaching draft heritage policy and Campdown allocation for comment	Comments on supporting text for heritage policy Minor edits to development requirements Campdown allocation

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January 2025	PfSH Natural Environment Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer environmental leads	Ofwat AMP8 decision update, Solent Mitigation Partnership update.
February 2025	PfSH Planning Officers Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	Discussion was held on the STRM, Coastal Partners presented in respect of future Flood Defences.
February 2025	PfSH Natural Environment Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer environmental leads	All authorities have now adopted the Revised Bird Aware Strategy, with of Havant that will so shortly. Discussion was held on the distribution of Local Nutrient Mitigation Funding. Updates were given on the Solent Nutrient Budget Calculator, and Compensatory Habitats.
March 2025	PfSH Joint Committee	Meeting of all PfSH members and chief executives	PfSH noted a response to the national consultation on the proposed consultation on the proposed creation of a new Mayoral Combined Authority for Hampshire & the Solent would be deferred. PfSH agreed to allow East Hampshire District Council to leave PfSH at the end of March 2025. PfSH agreed a PfSH budget allocation for the Greenprint initivative of £7.5k for the financial year 2025/26. PfSH approved a £6.93M capital programme funding allocation from the Local Nutrient Mitigation Fund. This included a change to the recommendation to include consultation with Inter-Authority Agreement signatories including Chichester District Council. PfSH agreed future work priorities for the cultural and creative industries and built environment panel. PfSH noted the budget monitoring position for 2024/25 and the proposed revenue budget for 2025/26.

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			PfSH received a report on an updated supply and demand of nutrient mitigation across the Solent.
April 2025	PfSH Planning Officers Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	POG considered the Spatial Position Statement monitoring report. The majority of authorities cannot demonstrate a five year supply (except FBC and WCC) and most expect a housing shortfall to 2039. POG also agreed that a formal monitoring report should be prepared for PfSH chief executives meeting in June. It was also agreed that this should include reporting on unmet employment need. PCC provided an update on the outcome of a recent IROPI decision made by the SoS MHCLG on the Portsmouth Local Plan at Tipner and East Horsea Island site ahead of the Local Plan examination. Officers noted that the SoS secision contrasts with the wider national growth agenda. Update to the plan will be based on the new standard method and PCC will need to re-start DtC discussions. The EA provided an update on new National Flood Risk Assessment (NaFRA2) data. POG agreed the recommendations for opportunities for £50k revenue funding associated with the Local Nutrient Fund. Discussion on unspent funding following the completion of the Spatial Position Statement and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment. POG agreed a draft consultation response from PfSH on the Defra Land Use Framework. POG agreed that officials from non-PfSH LPAs that have signed the Solent Mitigation partnership Inter-authority agreement should be invited to POG meetings where the development and roll out of projects are discussed.

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April 2025	Environment Agency	Email from HBC to EA	HBC alerted EA to planned consultation on the Reg18 Local Plan, highlighting key parts of the evidence base relevant to the EA including the SFRA of the Local Plan Sites and Sustainability Appraisal.
May 2025	PfSH Natural Environment Group	Meeting of all PfSH nutrient and BNG officer leads	Discussion on projects that PfSH may wish to support with LNMF. PNEG agreed to survey member local authorities on their approaches to monitoring of compliance of BNG credits for new development.
May 2025	PfSH Planning Officers Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	POG noted the annual monitoring report on the Spatial Position Statement, including a schedule of employment data to be considered by Chief Executives on 12 June. POG noted a lobbying proposal for resources to enhance flood defences for potential brownfield sites earmarked for development to Treasury and MHCLG. The Solent Mitigation Partnership provides an update including the latest nutrient mitigation supply and analysis, and an update on the LNMF revenue funded project. All are progressing except for a River Itchen project. POG agreed a report to PfSH chief executives which recommends that residual funds to be held until end of September. £10k ringfenced to develop the online SFRA GIS mapping portal. It was noted that the SMP will be launching new mitigation schemes that will benefit the Test and Itchen River catchment soon.
May 2025	Environment Agency	Email from HBC to EA	HBC alerted EA to publication of the Sustainability Appraisal linked to the Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan.
May 2025	Fareham Borough Council	Duty to Cooperate meeting	FBC confirm a new Plan will be developed under the new planning system, with a commitment to meet FBC's needs. It was agreed the two authorities would work towards a Statement of Common Ground in due course.
May 2025	Chichester District Council	Duty to Cooperate meeting	Once submitted Local Plan is adopted, CDC confirm they will be starting a new Local Plan once new regulations are in

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			place. Evidence base being commissioned towards end of year.
May 2025	East Hampshire District Council	Duty to Cooperate meeting	EHDC progressing towards a Reg19 consultation in summer 2026. Follow up meeting to discuss statement of common ground. EHDC queried HBC's ability to assist with gypsy and traveller provision.
May 2025	Gosport Borough Council	Duty to Cooperate meeting	GBC Regulation 19 local plan consultation due to take place during February/March 2026. Employment evidence base to be updated later this year. It was agreed GBC and HBC would meet with PCC to quantify the scale of collective unmet housing need across the Housing Market Area.
June 2025	South Downs National Park Authority	Duty to Cooperate meeting	SDNPA anticipate a Regulation 19 consultation will start in May 2026, with Submission by 2026. SDNPA is working with neighbouring authorities to understand how the standard method figure could be apportioned to areas inside and outside the National Park. Both authorities to work towards a SoCG to support the Regulation 19 versions of respective emerging local plans.
June 2025	Portsmouth City Council	Duty to Cooperate meeting	PCC are progressing an addendum (Regulation 19) which will be submitted alongside their local plan. Updated housing and employment land positions will be known shortly. Agreed Statement of Common Ground would be updated.
June 2025	Chichester District Council, East Hampshire District Council, South Downs National Park Authority, Winchester City Council in addition to Fareham Borough Council and Gosport Borough Council	Letter from Havant Borough Council requesting assistance with unmet housing and employment need	Sets out updated position on unmet housing need of 10,622 dwellings based on the new standard method (December 2024), or 9,292 dwellings when taking the potential unmet needs allowance from the submitted Winchester Local Plan into account. Formally requests assistance in meeting 51,424 sq. m of unmet employment need.
June 2025	Gosport Borough Council and Portsmouth City Council	Duty to Cooperate meeting	It was agreed that it would be helpful to have an agreed unmet need figure for the three authorities. A methodology was agreed to calculate unmet housing and employment need.
June 2025	Winchester City Council	Duty to Cooperate meeting	WCC sought clarification on various points in HBC's Draft (Regulation 18) Local Plan, including the approach to

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			restricting development on Hayling Island. Statement of Common Ground to be agreed in due course.
June 2025	South Downs National Park Authority	Response from SDNPA to Havant BC	Unable to accommodate any unmet need arising from Havant Borough.
June 2025	Historic England	Meeting	Discussion on the Draft Regulation 18 Local Plan consultation Proposed approach to the historic environment and heritage policies going forwards, to include preparation of a suite of policies.
June 2025	PfSH Planning Officers Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	POG received an update from PfSH Chief Executives Meeting 12 June: - The SPS Annual Monitoring Report from POG was noted. Chief executives commented that a Hampshire-wide spatial development strategy will be expected within two years of the MCA's inception. - Proposals to lobby HMT, DEFRA and MHCLG for developer access to flood defence resources for brownfield sites was agreed. - The Solent Mitigation Partnership projects update and annual report was agreed. - The PfSH available funding/resources report following the completion of the PfSH Spatial Position Statement was noted. POG noted various updates on government policies including: - Revisions to the National Development Plan expected in the Autumn. - The New Towns Taskforce due to submit its final report to MHCLG over the summer (anticipated in July). - Two central government consultations including: • Improving the implementation of biodiversity net gain for minor, medium and brownfield development • Reform of Planning Committees-technical consultation

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			AOB Survey of how LPAs are interpreting and applying the 'in-perpetuity' requirement on the sale of nutrient mitigation credits to be undertaken. Legal training session on the sale of conservation covenants to be undertaken. Wiltshire Council Local Plan recently hosted a session concerning how the duty to cooperate is being demonstrated. Planning officers agreed that a standard template that records evidence and example of LPA adherence to the duty would be helpful.
July 2025	PfSH Joint Committee	Meeting of all PfSH members and chief executives	Work is continuing with individual authorities through POG to consider the impact of the new housing delivery targets. Joint Committee noted PfSH's intention to write to relevant government departments, requesting they consider the issue of funding flood infrastructure associated with brownfield development. Joint Committee noted a report on the development of the Solent Mitigation Partnership which will facilitate a nutrient mitigation credit sales function and delivery of the central Local Nutrient Mitigation Fund. Joint Committee resolved torecalculate future contributions to reflect East Hampshire's withdrawal from PfSH. PfSH Coordinator to undertake a light-tocuh review and update of the PfSH Business Plan 2021-2025 (reflecting current operational context as local government reorganisation and the creation of a strategic mayoral combined authority progresses).
July 2025	PfSH Natural Environment Group	Meeting of all PfSH nutrient and BNG officer leads	Discussion on timing and data needs for nutrient report to be monitored, implementation of BNG monitoring fees and

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			suggested themes for LNMF legal training. Proposal to invite partnership chairs to PNEG meetings on a periodic basis.
July 2025	Winchester City Council	Response from WCC to Havant BC	Disagrees with unmet need figure. Unable to commit to providing any additional assistance on housing or employment supply at this time.
July 2025	Gosport Borough Council	Letter from Gosport Borough Council requesting Havant Borough Council to taking Gosport's unmet need and vice versa	Unable to assist in meeting the unmet housing need of other authorities. Formally requests assistance with Gosport's unmet housing need. Notes that GBC unlikely to be able to meet any office demand, but the Council is currently commissioning updated employment work.
July 2025	Winchester City Council	Response from HBC to Winchester City Council examination document ED37	Supported the submitted Local Plan period of 2020-2040, which maximises the contribution towards unmet need outside of Winchester District.
July 2025	Gosport Borough Council	Response from HBC to Gosport BC's request for assistance with unmet need	HBC is unable to meet the unmet need of other local authorities including Gosport Borough. Requests that HBC is kept up to date on the progress of the update to GBC's employment evidence base.
July 2025	East Hampshire District Council	Response from East Hants DC to Havant BC	Notes the challenges that EHDC has in responding to its increased standard method figure. Confirms commitment to positively engaging with neighbouring authorities. Due consideration will be given to unmet need arising from HBC.
July 2025	Fareham Borough Council	Response from Fareham BC to Havant BC	Unable to provide any firm commitment to meeting further neighbouring unmet need at this stage.
July 2025	Chichester District Council	Response from Chichester DC to Havant BC re Duty to Cooperate	Unable to say whether it will be able to meet any unmet need from outside the Plan area at this stage.
August 2025	Gosport Borough Council and Portsmouth City Council	Duty to Cooperate meeting with GBC and PCC	Meeting to discuss collective unmet housing and employment need in Southeast Hampshire Across three authorities (GBC, HBC and PCC), there is a significant shortfall of 19,341 dwellings. HBC's employment land shortfall was discussed. It was agreed that PCC and GBC would help towards addressing unmet employment need arising from HBC.

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September 2025	Test Valley Borough Council	Representations from HBC to Test Valley's Regulation 18 Local Plan	Highlights extensive levels of unmet development need in the South Hampshire sub-region, discussions with planning authorities in Housing Market Area and constrained supply of land in Havant Borough. Sets out the measures taken to maximise housing supply in emerging local plan. Highlights unmet need allowance included in Winchester's Local Plan and the potential for this to be reduced pending the Inspectors' report. Large amount of unmet need remains to be accommodated and seeks formal commitment from TVBC to accommodate unmet need.
September 2025	Environment Agency	Meeting between EA and HBC	Discussion of the EA's Regulation 18 representation on the Local Plan and exploration of changes and additional evidence required to satisfy them. Confirmed general support for the development strategy and areas for improvement in the plan. Agreed to start developing SoCG. EA provided overview of the status of latest NaFRA release.
September 2025	PfSH Natural Environment Group	Meeting of all PfSH nutrient and BNG officer leads	SMP provided an update on several projects. Discussion on the implementation of BNG monitoring and compliance.
September 2025	PfSH Planning Officers Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	The SMP provided a general update on their work including the purchase of land at Stubbington (Fareham) and Woodington (Test Valley) for nutrient mitigation and biodiversity negt gain. Wider project updates were also received in relation to River Itchen WWtP upgrades including a number of emerging projects. The group also considered how any unallocated LNMF Revenue Funding (£50k might be utilised). POG agreed to move to annual nutrient supply and demand reporting. Reports to cover 5, 20 and 15-year trajectories including confirmed and emerging supply scenarios. It was noted that following a survey of members, the majority of respondents favoured retaining the funds for devolution related work. PCC shared the Secretary of State's second IROPI opinion. It was noted that the opinion undermines Bird Aware and

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			mitigation policies. PCC has issued a pre-action protocol letter and is awaiting government response. POG proposed a short statement to Joint Committee in December which will reiterate the statutory duty to cooperate with each other on strategic matters including unmet housing need and reiterate that the 2023 PfSH Spatial Position Statement. The statement will confirm that it is not proposed to update this statement given that the proposed Mayoral Combined Authority for Hampshire and the Solent will have new statutory responsibilities to address strategic planning issues through the new Spatial Development Strategy. Various updates on government policies were noted.
October 2025	PfSH SEPT	BNG in South Hampshire	• The authorities met and compared progress on BNG and identified potential pilot schemes. • Future administration of BNG schemes was discussed.
October 2025	PfSH Natural Environment Group	All PfSH planning policy officer environmental leads	• An update was given on the work of the local river catchment partnerships. • An update was given on the Local Nutrient mitigation fund including funding. • An update was given on the calculation of Nutrient Budgets for HMO's.
October 2025	East Hampshire District Council, Fareham Borough Council, Winchester Borough Council and Gosport Borough Council, Havant Borough Council and Portsmouth City Council	Meeting to discuss Development Needs in Southeast Hampshire	GBC, HBC and PCC presented the background work that had been undertaken to quantify the collective unmet housing and employment need in the Southeast Hampshire Housing Market Area, given that they are at a similar stage of plan making. WCC noted that the three authorities would have to demonstrate that they had approached every other LPA for assistance with unmet housing need. It was agreed that an item on collective unmet need for Southeast Hampshire would be mentioned under AOB at PfSH POG.

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			PCC provided an update on devolution in Hampshire & the Solent and Spatial Development Strategy. This includes evidence base gathering on unmet need and constraints. GBC, HBC and PCC to jointly and formally request assistance with collective unmet need from EHDC, FBC and WCC via letter.
October 2025	Fareham Borough Council, East Hampshire District Council and Winchester City Council	Joint letter on Housing and Employment Need from HBC, GBC and PCC to EHDC, FBC and WCC	Highlights joint working between HBC, GBC and PCC on combined unmet housing and employment needs. Notes all three authorities in the same housing market area and functional economic market area which has resulted in a comprehensive understanding of unmet need in South East Hampshire. Combined unmet housing need figure for the three authorities is 18,437 homes. Joint working has resulted in the surplus of office floorspace in Portsmouth being committed to Havant, but there remains a deficit of 19,972 square metres of new employment floorspace. Seeks formal assistance with unmet housing need of 18,347 homes and unmet employment need of 19,973 sq. m in line with the Duty to Cooperate. Recognises the substantial ask that will need to be carefully considered and considered in the context of devolution. Seeks confirmation as to how the authority will respond to the level of employment and housing need. Recognises that this may need to take a staged approach.
November 2025	Chichester District Council and West Sussex County Council	Duty to Cooperate meeting	HBC and their Transport Assessment consultants presented the STA to CDC and WSCC, covering: • the overall assessment methodology including modelling • how the vision based approach is incorporated into the assessment • the scope of the study area relating to cross-boundary impacts

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			• the potential extent of the cross-boundary sustainable transport mitigation strategy as far as is known at this stage of the study CDC and WSCC agreed no issues with the methodology. Followed up by WSCC with information on cross boundary schemes.
November 2025	Winchester City Council	Response from WCC to joint letter re: Housing and Employment Need from HBC, GBC and PCC	Agreed that housing shortfall requires a coordinated and strategic approach, but this responsibility does not rest solely with WCC. Confirms there is a need to work collaboratively to plan strategically for unmet housing need. Portsmouth, Gosport and Havant are strongly encouraged to approach other Local Planning Authorities in Hampshire which are located outside of their Housing Market Area, as well as Local Plan consultations in Hampshire. It is WCC's opinion this will strengthen your positions at respective Local Plan Examinations. Seeks clarification on the type of employment land need and supply, and how any surplus identified in Portsmouth and Fareham could meet unmet needs in Havant. Acknowledges importance of planning for unmet needs and working collaboratively, however, given the early stages of the Local Plan, it is premature to make any firm commitments regarding unmet housing or employment need currently.
November 2025	PfSH Planning Officers' Group	All PfSH planning policy officer leads	• Presentation to the group of the Joint Committee Members' Briefing (19 November) on the Monitoring of the PfSH Spatial Position Statement 2023. • An update was given on the Nutrient Mitigation Supply and Demand Analysis from the SMP. • An update was given on the work of the SMP.
November 2025	PfSH Joint Committee	All PfSH members and chief executives	The Joint Committee was briefed on the impact of new higher government housing targets and the anticipated changes to the National Planning Policy Framework, on the PfSH Spatial Position Statement (2023).

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November 2025	East Hampshire District Council	Response from EHDC to joint letter re: Housing and Employment Need from HBC, GBC and PCC	EHDC is committed to positively engaging with neighbouring authorities. EHDC will give due consideration to unmet housing need and employment needs through: - Integrated Impact Assessment which will assess reasonable alternatives including meeting unmet needs; - Infrastructure evidence and site assessments currently in progress: - The identification of housing market areas and functional economic market areas (FEMA), including the limited extent of the Portsmouth HMA within East Hampshire. At this time, it is currently unknown whether EHDC will be able to meet its own disaggregated housing needs and will need to consider to what extent we can meet unmet needs from elsewhere in our Local Plan. Should a surplus of housing capacity be identified, it is envisaged that unmet needs from the SDNP in East Hampshire would be prioritised. EHDC support the positive joint working between authorities which has reduced the amount of unmet employment needs to a modest deficit. EHDC has commissioned an update to its employment land evidence which will inform the Council's position on any potential capacity to assist. EHDC has its own unmet need for Traveller and Travelling Showpeople accommodation and will be seeking assistance from neighbouring authorities on this matter. EHDC acknowledge the same letter was sent to WCC and FBC due to their links within the wider HMA and FEMA but consider that it is important that approaches are made to LPAs beyond those areas due to the substantial amount of unmet need.

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November 2025	Fareham Borough Council	Response from FBC to joint letter re: Housing and Employment Need from HBC, GBC and PCC	As part of Local Plan consultations and previous Duty to Cooperate discussions, FBC has endorsed conclusions as far as leaving 'no stone unturned' is considered. The Fareham Local Plan 2037 allocates a total of 900 dwellings towards PfSH unmet need, 800 of which are specifically allocated (within the Plan wording) to Portsmouth. The remaining 100 dwellings is towards wider unmet needs in the area. FBC considers it would be appropriate for the three authorities (GBC, HBC and PCC) to discuss and agree how the 100 dwellings are apportioned between them. Emphasises the Council has been proactive in ensuring all necessary 'ecological infrastructure is in place to deliver housing and employment. Further work is being undertaken to establish whether there are any further sites which could facilitate development both within Fareham, and neighbouring authorities including Gosport, Havant and Portsmouth. Highlights an excess of 119,790 sq. m of employment floorspace compared to the requirement. Confirms that FBC is willing to commit 19,973 sq. m of employment floorspace towards HBC's unmet need and welcomes further dialogue with HBC to agree how best to achieved this. FBC is unable to commit anything further towards unmet housing need at this point in time. The Council's review of the Local Plan will be undertaken through the new plan making system, and FBC will engage with the three authorities as part of that process.
November 2025	South Downs National Park Authority	Letter from SDNPA requesting Havant Borough Council to taking SDPNA unmet need in respect of	Notes the publication of two new studies on housing need. SDNPA will be able to meet the 323 homes per year figure but not the AECOM figure of 1,048 homes per year.

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		housing and gypsy and travellers	The Authority is proposing to allocate all suitable, achievable and available for housing development. This results in a provision figure based on landscape capacity. The Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation concludes there is a need for 73 gypsy and traveller pitches and 11 travelling showpeople plots over the plan period to 2042. It is anticipated that we will not be able to meet our overall need. The Authority is therefore formally requesting that Havant accommodates the unmet needs of gypsy and travellers in Havant Borough.
November 2025	South Downs National Park Authority	Response from HBC to SDNPA's request for assistance with unmet need	Thanks the SDNPA for confirming that they would be able to meet the Iceni housing need figure of 323 homes per year based on the ICENI HEDNA but notes that the Authority would not be able to meet the higher need figure of 1,048 homes per year. Notes the formal request to accommodate unmet housing need of the National Park in the event that that the Planning Inspectorate concludes the 1,048 homes per year figure should be used. Confirms that Havant Borough is in a position of being unable to meet its own housing need by a wide margin. As Havant Borough cannot meet its own housing need, it cannot help the SDNPA within its unmet housing need. In respect of Gypsy and Travellers, the Borough has no identified unmet need. The Borough has a need for 1 pitch which has now been met through grant of planning permission. The Draft Local Plan proposes to safeguard this site for current need. Notes that the Council is in the process of procuring an addendum to the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment. Confirms that Havant Borough is significantly constrained, unable to meet its own housing need. For this reason, Havant Borough is unable to assist with the unmet

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			gypsy and traveller needs arising from the National Park at this time.
December 2025	Portsmouth City Council	Duty to Cooperate meeting	• Meeting at which the two authorities agreed that following on from the Written Ministerial Statement of November 2025 they would continue to work closely on cross boundary strategic issues. DtC is still a matter of soundness in the NPPF. • The two authorities agreed to prepare a SCG.
December 2025	PfSH Joint Committee	All PfSH members and chief executives	• PfSH Joint Committee agreed the recommendation of the Bird Aware Solent Report • Agreed a statement not to update the SPS due to the preparation of the SDS by HatS. • Endorsed the cultural and creative workstream priorities 2026/2027. • Supported the 2024 Bird Aware Solent Revised Strategy and its transitional introduction by September 2026. • Endorsed the Bird Aware Partnership's revised budget • Agreed the Solent Mitigation Partnership budget request.
December 2025	Winchester City Council	Joint letter to WCC from HBC, GBC and FBC	• GBC, HBC and PCC sent a joint letter to WCC in response to the WCC letter of November 2025. The joint letter provides 137 Portsmouth City Council - Final Duty to Cooperate Statement March 2026 Organiser of meeting / author of correspondence Date (s) of meeting or correspondence Name and / or purpose of activity Organisations involved Outcomes employment needs from SEH a response to the points raised by WCC regarding employment needs. • WCC’s statement that the SEH authorities should do more to proactively approach other local authorities, outside of the Housing Market Area was duly noted by the three councils.
January 2026	PfSH Natural Environment Group	All PfSH planning policy officer environmental leads	• Update on the Local River Catchment Partnership • Catchment Partnership updates • SMP update
January 2026	Winchester City Council	WCC response to joint letter from HBC, GBC and FBC	Notes the Inspecter led public consultation on the Duty to Cooperation Written Ministerial Statement. Focus will be to move the emerging Local Plan forward to adoption as soon as possible, associated with the next Local Plan will resume

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			after that. Acknowledges the importance of planning for unmet needs across Hampshire and remain committed to working collaboratively.
January 2026	Fareham Borough Council, Gosport Borough Council, Havant Borough Council and Portsmouth City Council (South East Hampshire authorities)	Duty to Cooperate meeting	• FBC was included in the SEH group of authorities with PCC, GBC and HBC. • The authorities met and agreed on the distribution of Housing and Employment need in the area including the provision of 100 dwellings to GBC from FBC and 51,424m2 of employment floorspace from FBC to HBC. HBC are undertaking an update to the Employment Land Review to understand whether any previously identified lower-ranked potential employment sites could be considered for housing. HBC will keep FBC on the progress of this work. • They agreed to continue to work together regarding cross boundary issues under SEH in future. • It was decided that a multi-lateral SCG would be produced in March 2026 covering Housing, Employment and Ecological Infrastructure.
February 2026	PfSH Planning Officers Group	All PfSH planning officer leads	• A PfSH SFRA group is to be set up led by GBC to consider the need for technical SFRA mapping. • Final Draft National Park Housing Split note to be circulated • No need for PfSH response to draft 2025 NPPF.
February 2026	Chichester District Council	Duty to Cooperate	See note
February 2026	Portsmouth City Council	Statement of Common Ground	A SoCG was signed between PCC and HBC. It was agreed in the SoCG that: • Neither authority is in a position to assist the other with accommodating unmet housing need arising out of each Local Plan.

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			• Both authorities will continue to work through PfSH and the SEH group to address the wider need for housing in the HMA. • PCC would provide a total of 31,261m2 employment floor space towards HBC's unmet employment needs. • The two authorities will work together and with HCC to promote improved sustainable transport connections. • The two authorities will continue to work positively together as part of wider sub regional partnership work including nutrient neutrality and biodiversity net gain through the Solent Mitigation Partnership and recreational disturbance through Bird Aware Solent.
February 2026	Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council	Representations from HBC to Basingstoke and Deane's Regulation 18 Local Plan	Formally requests assistance with unmet housing need, in the context of no further offers of assistance from neighbouring authorities or the wider HMA.
		Response from BDBC to HBC	• Unclear what proportion of outlined need you are specifically requesting the borough to accommodate. • Havant Borough is some distance from the borough. • BDBC is in early stages of updating its Local Plan and our priority must be to meet our own needs first, for which a high level of growth is needed. • The increases of our own housing number means that there is difficulty in accommodating further additional homes from neighbouring areas. The Council does not have any scope to accommodate any unmet housing need from Havant Borough.
February 2026	New Forest District Council	Representations from HBC to New Forest Spatial Options and Policy Directions	Formally requests assistance with unmet housing need, in the context of no further offers of assistance from neighbouring authorities or the wider HMA. Acknowledges New Forest also has unmet need, and suggests further discussion takes place through PfSH so that unmet need can inform the preparation of other authorities' respective local plans.
March 2026	Environment Agency	Email exchange between EA and HBC	HBC sent draft amendments to Local Plan, and outline of approach to the functional floodplain to the EA for informal

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			review ahead of Regulation 19. Broad agreement confirmed with additional wording suggested by EA.
March 2026	Portsmouth City Council, Gosport Borough Council, Havant Borough Council and Fareham Borough Council	South East Hampshire Multi-lateral Statement of Common Ground	The very first SCG of the SEH local authorities. All the parties agreed upon the following: • PCC, GBC and HBC had unmet housing needs, which, FBC and WCC had contributed to, to some extent. The precise unmet need will evolve as local completions figures are released for future years. • After transferring employment land between FBC, HBC and PCC, it is envisaged that there will be no unmet employment need in any of the local authorities and that there is an overall surplus of 106,395 m2 in SEH. • All the SEH authorities are in the same character area for BNG and their intention is to make SEH self-sufficient in it. • The SEH Authorities are committed to pragmatic joint working and will focus on shared and consistent methodologies for evidence gathering going forward.
March 2026	Test Valley Borough Council and Havant Borough Council	Duty to Cooperate meeting	This meeting followed HBC's response to TVBC's Reg 18 Local Plan consultation in September 2025. TVBC and HBC updated each other on their respective local plans. HBC an overview of its discussions with neighbouring authorities regarding unmet housing need, including the unmet need allowance from Winchester's Local Plan. TVBC noted a need to identify additional sites following the increase to the housing need figures, and the large unmet need figure arising out of New Forest District. TVBC noted some further work on their SHMA which would consider travel to work areas, including its relationship with Havant.

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March 2026	Hart District Council, Isle of Wight Council, Rushmoor Borough Council, and Southampton City Council	Letter from Havant Borough Council requesting assistance with unmet housing and employment need	Formally requests assistance with unmet housing need, in the context of no further offers of assistance from neighbouring authorities or the wider HMA. Focus on local planning authorities in the Hampshire and the Solent devolution area (from which HBC has not previously sought formal assistance).
March 2026	Hart District Council	Response from Hart District Council to HBC's letter	HDC cannot agree to meet any unmet housing needs. HDC does not consider Havant to be a 'neighbouring area' under the NPPF. Hart is under no obligation to consider unmet housing need arising from Havant.
March 2026	Isle of Wight Council	Duty to Cooperate meeting	This meeting followed HBC's formal request for assistance with unmet housing need. IWC and HBC updated each other on their respective local plans. IWC is at Examination with its Island Plan Strategy, with further Hearings due to take place in April 2026. A Scoping consultation on a local plan being prepared under the new system is due to take place later this year. It was noted that IWC is a separate HMA and would be unlikely to be assist with unmet needs given its respective plan making stage(s).
March 2025	PfSH Joint Committee	Meeting of all PfSH members and chief executives	PfSH Joint Committee: • Received a presentation from Bird Aware on the partnership's work; • Received the PfSH Co-ordinators report and agreed light touch revisions made to the PfSH Business Plan and the updated Terms of Reference for the Bird Aware Partnership. • Approved the proposed revenue budget for 2026/27 and the use of £38,000 unallocated balances and the partner contributions for 2026/27. • Approved a revised pricing structure for nutrient credits and delegates credit price setting for each mitigation scheme to the chief executive of the lead authority.

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			• Approved the SMP Project Update report including two mitigation projects to help address predicted mitigation shortfall in River Test and Itchen catchments.
April 2026	Isle of Wight Council	Response from Isle of Wight Council to HBC's letter	The island would not be able to assist in meeting unmet housing need from Havant Borough. The island itself is also facing a significant increase in the standard method housing need figure, and at this stage, we are unable to confirm whether the island is able to meet its own housing need.
April 2026	Eastleigh Borough Council	Response from Eastleigh Borough Council to HBC's letter	EBC is in the process of establishing whether it can make any contribution to wider unmet housing needs through its local process. However in the event it were able to do so it would be unlikely that such a contribution would assist Havant Borough's unmet need.
April 2026	Southampton City Council	Email response from Southampton City Council to HBC'ss letter	SCC is not in a position to support (HBC with unmet housing need) at this time. Work is ongoing but it is expected that SCC will also have an unmet housing need.
April 2026	Rushmoor Borough Council	Response from Rushmoor Borough Council to HBC's letter	Rushmoor is not able to accommodate any unmet housing needs of Havant Borough Council. • Rushmoor already has an increased housing requirement using the Standard Method, and has a land supply shortfall. • Highly constrained and urban nature of Rushmoor mean that an oversupply of housing land is unlikely to be identified.
May 2026	PfSH Natural Environment Group	All PfSH planning policy officer environmental leads	Teams meeting between PfSH members to discuss: the Solent Forum, Bird Aware Solent update, Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership update, local river catchment partnerships update and government changes to BNG.
June 2026	South Downs National Park Authority	Representations from HBC to South Downs Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) Local Plan	Supports the progress of the Local Plan that addresses development needs whilst supporting the National Park's statutory purposes and duties. HBC considers the plan to be sound and legally compliant.
June 2026	PfSH Planning Officers' Group	All PfSH planning policy officer leads	• An update was provided on difficulties accessing flood modelling data held by Coastal Partners. Southampton City Councils will assess their ability to host GIS layers once data is available. It was agreed that the SFRA

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			evidence remains the appropriate basis for local planning decisions, despite improvements to national flood maps. • The Solent Mitigation Provided an update on nutrient mitigation schemes, but it was noted that housing slowdown was affecting take-up and payment timing. Credit purchase agreements are proposed to support temporary mitigation and developer flexibility, as well as a newsletter to promote schemes to developers. • It was noted that the final NPPF was expected before parliamentary summary recess, and that a possible Hampshire County Council legal challenge to local government reorganisation.
June 2026	PfSH Chief Executives	Meeting of all PfSH Chief Executives	PfSH Chief Executives considered: a. The Solent Mitigation Partnership Project Update and Inter-authority Agreement Annual Report which was noted and agreed that it should be presented to Joint Committee on 21 July 2026. b. A proposed budget reallocation to be included in the report to Joint Committee which would re-allocated surplus funding towards work-with-land grants and nature-based mitigation opportunities which was supported. c. An amendment to the SMP sales approach to introduce credit purchase agreements which would create contractual obligations for phased credit purchases and for the sale of temporary credits with developers. d. The establishment of a new Evidence and Engagement Fund to support small-scale pilot and feasibility projects where full nutrient mitigation evidence or 100 year legal agreements would be disproportionate. e. A wider update on the deed of variation to the inter-authority agreement. It was also noted that a new member of staff has joined as Assistant Project Officer and a further new started expected in July to support natural capital work.

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			f. Statement of Accounts 2025/26 expected to be ready for Joint Committee. g. The PfSH Coordinators report, including a principal decision whether to invite the Chief Executive of the Hampshire and the Solent Mayoral Combined County Authority or a nominated representative to become a coopted member of PfSH Joint Committee.
July 2026	PfSH Joint Committee	Meeting of all PfSH members and chief executives	PfSH Joint Committee: • Agreed a proposal to invite the Chief Executive of the Hampshire and Solent Mayoral Combined County Authority or their norminated representative to act as a co-opted member of the PfSH Joint Committee be considered by PfSH Chief Executives. • Approved the Statement of Accounts 2025/26 financial year and the Annual Governance Statement. • Approved the Solent Mitigation Partnership Annual Report and a public facing project overview document.
July 2026	Test Valley Borough Council	Duty to Cooperate	TVBC provided an update on their local plan in advance of Full Council on 22 July 2026 to consider a change in direction, moving from progression from a local plan under the 'legacy' plan making system to commencing under the new 'gateway' plan making system.
July 2026	East Hampshire District Council	Duty to Cooperate	Discussion around the HBC Publication Plan housing need and supply figures, and the housing requirement for the plan period and how this has informed unmet need. HBC noted that this will be set out in a forthcoming Housing Supply Topic Paper.
July 2026	Environment Agency	Teams Meeting between officers at EA and HBC	Courtesy call for HBC to give EA officers an overview of the key changes found in the Regulation 19 consultations compared to the Regulation 18 consultation. EA confirmed they would be making a consultation response by the deadline. Also agreed to work on a SoCG prior to submission.
July 2026	PfSH Natural Environment Group	All PfSH planning policy officer environmental leads	Teams meeting between PfSH members around the Solent Seascape Project, Solent Mitigation Partnership update.

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August 2026	Chichester District Council, East Hampshire District Council, Fareham Borough Council, Gosport Borough Council South Downs National Park Authority, Winchester City Council plus Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Eastleigh Borough Council, Hart District Council, Isle of Wight Council, Rushmoor Borough Council, Southampton City Council and Test Valley Borough Council	Letter from Havant Borough Council updating neighbouring and other authorities in the Hampshire and the Solent devolution area on its development need and supply	Sets out updated position on unmet housing need of 9,569 dwellings, against a housing need figure of 15,822 dwellings over the remaining plan period (2025-2043) when taking the unmet need allowance from the Winchester Adopted Local Plan into account. Notes the need to re-base the start of the plan period to 2022 to ensure the Plan is up to date on adoption. In terms of employment, the Employment Land Review Update concludes the Borough's assessed need can be met by a small margin but all of the supply is industrial. Highlights the Council is advised to purse office need elsewhere in the FEMA, and particularly Portsmouth City. It also confirms HBC will be undertaking further discussions with PCC and FBC respectively.
August 2026	Portsmouth City Council	Duty to Cooperate	Discussion around HBC's addendum to the employment land review, and proposed modifications to Policy 7: Amount of Employment. PCC also provided an update on their employment supply position and noted that this would result in a reduction from 31,261 to 22,743 sqm.
August 2026	Fareham Borough Council	Duty to Cooperate	HBC provided FBC with an update following its discussions with PCC and the revised position on unmet employment need. It also clarified the amount of employment floorspace sought from FBC was 19,973 sq. m (as opposed to the figure of 31,261 sq. m referenced in its letter dated 10 August 2026).
September 2026	Hampshire County Council (Lead Local Flood Authority)	Teams Meeting between officers at HCC and HBC	Courtesy call from HCC, to flag likely soundness representation on the Publication Plan in relation to the drainage arrangements for Allocation 18: Padnell Grange. Agreed that HCC needed to make whatever representation they considered necessary, and that the Councils would work together to address the issue through a SoCG prior to submission.

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September 2026	Hampshire County Council (Local Highway Authority)	Teams Meeting between officers at HCC and HBC	Discussion of the transport related aspects of the Regulation 19 consultation Local Plan, including in particular the approach taken to Allocation 1: Southleigh. Agreed that HCC would likely make some commentary in their Regulation 20 response, but that it was unlikely to be a legal compliance or soundness matter.
September 2026	Environment Agency	Teams Meeting between officers at EA, HBC and Coastal Partners	Discussion of approach taken to Coastal Change Management Areas (CCMAs) in the Regulation 19 Plan, including in light of Policy F9 of the 2026 NPPF. EA confirmed that the definition of CCMAs was for the LPA, and that they would not formally be commenting, but were happy to assist the Council in its consideration. Agreed that the extent of the CCMAs in the Regulation 19 Local Plan were too extensive and should be reconsidered through proposed modifications.
September 2026	South Downs National Park Authority	Letter from SDNPA in response to HBC's update on development needs and supply	SDNPA confirmed its position remains as set out in the March/April 2026 Statement of Common Ground. It agrees that neither authority can assist the other in accommodating unmet housing need, as both are seeking to maximise delivery within their areas. Committed to ongoing liaison and joint working as plans progress.
August 2026	Eastleigh Borough Council	Email response from EBC regarding HBC's update on development needs and supply	EBC confirmed its position on Havant's unmet development needs remains unchanged from its earlier response and indicated it was not expecting to make a formal response to either Havant's unmet needs update or Regulation 19 consultation. Offered to discuss further if required.
August 2026	Isle of Wight Council	Email response from IWC regarding HBC's update on development needs and supply	IWC advised that the emerging Island Planning Strategy identifies a significant future housing shortfall which will need to be addressed through a subsequent plan. As a result, the Council is currently unable to determine whether it can assist with unmet housing needs elsewhere and suggested further discussions once its new plan-making process is underway.
August 2026	Portsmouth City Council	Email response from PCC regarding HBC's update on	PCC confirmed continued support for the Duty to Cooperate arrangements and that the agreed surplus office floorspace identified in the Portsmouth Local Plan remains available to

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		development needs and supply	help meet Havant's office employment needs. A fuller response would be provided through representations on the Havant Plan.
August 2026	New Forest District Council	Email response from NFDC regarding HBC's update on development needs and supply	NFDC acknowledge Havant's housing constraints and efforts to maximise development opportunities. NFDC confirm that the New Forest faces significant environmental and land supply constraints, is likely to have substantial unmet housing needs of its own and cannot identify capacity to accommodate unmet housing need from Havant.
September 2026	Chichester District Council	Duty to Cooperate	Discussion around the HBC Publication Plan housing need and supply figures, and the housing requirement for the plan period and how this has informed unmet need. CDC also noted that they would be objecting to Allocation 3: Land south of Havant Road (Horse's Field). CDC's Scoping consultation was also discussed, including cross boundary matters for the new Local Plan.
September 2026	PfSH Chief Executives	Meeting of all PfSH Chief Executives	PfSH Chief Executives considered: a. a project and finance update from the Solent Mitigation Partnership on mitigation projects across the Solent. b. A proposed annual review process for sink funds. c. A business case for the second phase of the Householder Septic Tank Update Programme in the New Forest. d. The proposed SMP Biodiversity Net Gain Strategy and supported its overall direction but requested additional work in advance of Joint Committee. e. The approach to treating interest on Local Nutrient Mitigation Funding. f. It was also noted that the PfSH Co-ordinator has been appointed Programme Director for the Local Government Regorganisation in the South East Hampshire Unitary Group.

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September 2026	PfSH Planning Officers' Group	Meeting of all PfSH planning policy officer leads	The purpose of the meeting was to consider the future role of POG as devolution and local government reorganisation reshape strategic planning across Hampshire and the Solent. It was noted there was significant uncertainty surrounding local government reorganisation and the timing of future governance changes. The Group agreed that there remained a clear need for strategic planning collaboration across South Hampshire. • POG should continue in the short to medium term, with a practical and focused work programme extending towards 2028–2029. • The Group's future role should include coordinating technical evidence; supporting cross-boundary cooperation; maintaining links with relevant partners; providing a collective South Hampshire perspective; and informing the emerging Spatial Development Strategy where appropriate. • New work should avoid duplication with the combined authority's emerging Spatial Development Strategy programme. • No final decision was made on POG's longer-term governance or structure.
September 2026	Chichester District Council	Representations from HBC to Chichester District Local Plan 2045 Scoping Consultation	Welcomes the work to start a new Plan and recognises the cross boundary between the two authorities. Highlights that Havant Borough has a very large unmet housing need, and the need to continue collaborate with other authorities including Winchester District to robustly address this issue.
September 2026	Winchester City Council	Representation from HBC to Winchester District Local Plan Scoping Consultation	Havant Borough has a very large unmet housing need, and the need to continue collaborate with other authorities including Chichester District to robustly address this issue.
September 2026	Natural England	Teams meeting between NE officers and HBC officers	A call to NE to go through what changes were made for the pre-submission local plan and go through any concerns that NE had with the Pre-submission Local Plan and timescales.
October 2026	PfSH Natural Environment Group	All PfSH planning policy officer environmental leads	Teams meeting providing an update on the Solent Mitigation Partnership, guidance on use of temporary credits, update of

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			river catchment partnerships, and discussions around the new NPPF.
October 2026	Natural England	Email correspondence	Confirming agreement with SoCG wording and a minor wording amendment to the SWBGS policy in the Pre-Submission Local Plan.
October/November 2026	East Hampshire District Council	Email correspondence	Circulation and agreement of SoCG and agreement of minor wording amendments in response to Regulation 19 representations.
November 2026	South Downs National Park Authority	Teams meeting followed via email correspondence	Meeting to discuss SDNPA's Regulation 19 representations and proposed modifications. Agreement of proposed modifications.

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Appendix 2 - Regular Duty to Cooperate meetings

Name of group and frequency of meeting	Purpose of group	Who attends	Typical outcomes
PfSH Joint Committee (Quarterly)	To provide decision making and political overview for the PfSH. The Joint Committee make the high-level decision, agree funding and provide steer to other PfSH groups such as PfSH POG. Maintain liaison with the Local Enterprise Partnership(s) on the work they are undertaking.	The Chief executives and member representatives of the following Councils: East Hampshire District Council Eastleigh Borough Council Fareham Borough Council Gosport Borough Council Hampshire County Council Havant Borough Council New Forest District Council New Forest National Park Authority Portsmouth City Council Southampton City Council Test Valley Borough Council Winchester City Council	• Approve expenditure from the joint PfSH capital and revenue budgets. • Appoint officer groups and provide resource to address specific cross boundary issues. • Provide a strategic steer and final decision making in respect to cross boundary issues in South Hampshire. • Commission specific pieces of work to address identified cross boundary issues such as nutrients and recreational disturbance. • Lobby central government on the behalf of all of the South Hampshire authorities.
PfSH Planning Officers Group (Quarterly)	PfSH POG is the lead group for addressing planning related issues across the South Hampshire sub-region. The POG reports to Joint Committee, though in some instances it is granted delegated decision-making powers. PfSH officer groups focusing upon specific issues such as the Natural Environment	The lead planning policy officers of the Council's as outlined above.	• Provides expert advice and steer to joint committee on cross boundary planning issues. • Commissions consultants to carry out specific studies and pieces of work on behalf of the PfSH authorities. • Provides liaison on sub regional projects with third parties such as statutory undertakers. • Provides overview and steer to subgroups such as the Natural Environment Group. • Develops joint SPS and SoCG to support its members in the Local Plans. • Manges the work of the PfSH SEPO.

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	Group report to PfSH POG.		
PfSH sub groups (Quarterly)	These sub groups tend to be formed in order to address specific specialised cross boundary issues. The main one at this point is the Natural Environment Group which is focusing on the ongoing provision of nutrient and BNG solutions across the sub region and providing a steer to the PfSH SEPO and his team. In the past there have been Air Quality and Water Quality focused sub groups.	The planning policy officers leading on environmental issues for the Council's as outlined above.	• Provides expert advice and steer to joint committee and POG on cross boundary environmental planning issues. • Providers steer to the PfSH SEPO and team on the work being undertaken on BNG and Nutrient Neutrality • Provides liaison on sub regional projects with third parties such as the water companies and Wildlife Trust.
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Planning Officers Group. (Quarterly)	To share advice and experience on cross boundary and national issues at a County Level. It is the higher-level group to which DPG, PRLG and the HIPOG Sustainable Design Group respond.	Chief Planners for each of the Hampshire Local Planning Authorities and the County Council. with authorities across Hampshire. The Authorities are as follows: Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council East Hampshire District Council Eastleigh Borough Council Fareham Borough Council Gosport Borough Council Hampshire County Council Hart District Council	• Liaise on and share experience on high level planning matters between the LPAs'. • Liaise on and share experience in regard to changes to National level guidance and policy. • Drive forward high-level bids.

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		Havant Borough Council Isle of Wight Council New Forest District Council New Forest National Park Authority Portsmouth City Council Rushmoor District Council South Downs National Park Authority Southampton City Council Test Valley Borough Council Winchester City Council	
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Development Plans Group (Quarterly)	To coordinate work projects, informally share information, and assist in identifying shared strategic work priorities. There is a particular focus on understanding of, and consistency between, local plans and neighbourhood plans across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.	The lead planning policy officers of the Council's as outlined above.	• Improved understanding of respective local plan and neighbourhood plan activities • Sharing of information and best practice for plan development, hence achieving greater consistency of respective authorities' outputs • Consistency of key messages to external customers • Achieving time efficiencies for all parties relating to the above.
Planning Research Liaison Group (Quarterly)	Share thoughts and best practice on evidence to support local plans	The planning policy monitoring lead for each of the Council's as outlined above.	• Responding to Government requirements on evidence gathering such as brownfield registers and self-build registers • Sharing best practice on emerging studies, and monitoring • HCC share and coordinate county-wide studies such as on demographics, and monitoring. • Liaison with HCC on housing and employment monitoring.

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HIPOG Sustainable Design Group (Three times a year)	To share advice and experience on cross boundary and national issues related to sustainable design at a County Level.	The planning policy environment lead for each of the Council's as outlined above.	• Responding to Government requirements on sustainable design • Sharing experience and best practice on sustainable design policy
Solent Waders & Brent Goose Strategy (SWBGS) Steering Group (monthly)	Oversee the functioning of the SWBGS; discuss individual planning applications where impacts to SPA supporting habitat occur; discuss/share best practice on mitigation measures; guide policy responses to strategic SPA bird mitigation.	Natural England RSPB Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust Havant Borough Council Fareham Borough Council Winchester City Council Hampshire County Council Gosport Borough Council Portsmouth City Council Coastal Partners	• Providing advice on efficacy of mitigation measures for individual planning applications. • Refining policy responses for strategic bird mitigation • Dissemination of research, evidence and case-studies for strategic and site-based bird mitigation.
Chichester Harbour Conservancy - Chichester Harbour Protection and Recovery of Nature (CHaPRoN) Steering Group (Quarterly)	Oversee progress of CHC's CHaPRoN scheme, which aims to enhance the natural environment of Chichester Harbour National Landscape through specific targets for nature recovery and restoration.	CHC Coastal Partners Natural England Environment Agency Southern Water Havant Borough Council Three Harbours	• Review of CHaPRoN progress targets • Discussion of specific projects e.g. saltmarsh restoration, bird nesting habitat, water quality improvements. • Sharing of funding opportunities • Sharing of research/best practice.
Hampshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) LPA Working Group (monthly Sep 2023-Nov 2025)	To ensure all local planning authorities will be fully involved, enabling a collaborative approach to the creation of the LNRS.	Ecologists, planning policy officers and land managers from the following: Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council East Hampshire District Council	Discuss: • LNRS methodology • Mapping • Habitat and species lists and actions • Individual site discussions • Engagement

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		Eastleigh Borough Council Fareham Borough Council Gosport Borough Council Hampshire County Council Hart District Council Havant Borough Council Isle of Wight Council New Forest District Council New Forest National Park Authority Portsmouth City Council Rushmoor District Council South Downs National Park Authority Southampton City Council Test Valley Borough Council Winchester City Council	
Solent Forum Natural Environment Group (NEG) (biannually)	The Natural Environment Group (NEG) was set up in 2004 to take forward issues and actions identified by the Solent Marine Sites (SEMS) management scheme and wider environmental issues identified by its members.	Associated British Ports Beaulieu River Management Chichester District Council Chichester Harbour Conservancy Cowes Harbour Commissioners Eastleigh Borough Council Environment Agency Fareham Borough Council Gosport Borough Council Hampshire County Council Havant Borough Council Isle of Wight Council KHM Portsmouth Langstone Harbour Board Lymington Harbour Commissioners	• Knowledge sharing of research, case studies, funding opportunities, and issues affecting the Solent European Marine Sites.

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		Natural England New Forest District Council New Forest National Park Authority Portsmouth City Council Portsmouth International River Hamble Harbour Authority (Hampshire County Council) Southampton City Council Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority Southern Water Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority Test Valley Borough Council West Sussex County Council Wightlink Winchester City Council Yarmouth Harbour Commissioners	
Solent Forum Solent European Marine Sites (SEMS) Management Group (annually)	To consider the management of activities through annual monitoring, discussion and management measures, to ensure that they are not damaging the Solent's designated sites.	Associated British Ports Beaulieu River Management Chichester District Council Chichester Harbour Conservancy Cowes Harbour Commissioners Eastleigh Borough Council Environment Agency Fareham Borough Council Gosport Borough Council Hampshire County Council Havant Borough Council Isle of Wight Council	• Knowledge sharing of research, case studies, funding opportunities, and issues affecting the Solent European Marine Sites.

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		KHM Portsmouth Langstone Harbour Board Lymington Harbour Commissioners Natural England New Forest District Council New Forest National Park Authority Portsmouth City Council Portsmouth International River Hamble Harbour Authority (Hampshire County Council) Southampton City Council Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority Southern Water Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority Test Valley Borough Council West Sussex County Council Wightlink Winchester City Council Yarmouth Harbour Commissioners	

Appendix 3 - Key Changes to the Building a Better Future Plan prior to Regulation 19

The table below highlights some key points raised in discussions with prescribed bodies prior to Regulation 19. It summarises the changes made to policies in response to these comments. The Schedule of Proposed Changes to the Publication BBFP (SP012) and various Statements of Common Ground document changes made in response to Regulation 19 representations made by prescribed bodies.

Policy	Organisation	Outcome (changes made to the Local Plan)
5: Green and Blue Infrastructure	Natural England	This policy is new for the Regulation 19 Local Plan following input from Natural England.
6: Amount of Housing	Winchester City Council	DtC discussion supporting the delivery of the Winchester Local Plan 2020-2020 resulted in Table H2 of that Plan including an unmet needs allowance of 495 dwellings – 30% of which is apportioned to Portsmouth City Council; and 70% of which is apportioned to Havant Borough Council. Policy 6 of the Pre-Submission Local Plan reflects this and identifies 346 dwellings from the Winchester Local Plan.
7: Amount of Employment	Fareham Borough Council	Discussion with South East Hampshire authorities re: unmet development needs resulted in a formal offer of 19,973 square metres of employment floorspace towards Havant Borough Council's unmet need.
	Portsmouth City Council	Request for formal assistance with unmet housing and employment development need resulted in Portsmouth City Council to formally offer its surplus of 31,261 square metres of office floorspace to meet unmet need in Havant Borough.
23: Recreational disturbance on international sites	Partnership for South Hampshire	The policy has been written based on evidence created through the joint working undertaken by PfSH and Bird Aware Solent Partnership, specifically the Bird Aware Strategy (September 2024).
24: Water quality effects on international sites	Partnership for South Hampshire	The policy has been informed by evidence that was created through the joint working undertaken by PfSH.
26: Solent Waders and Brent Goose feeding and roosting sites	Partnership for South Hampshire	This policy has been written based on evidence that has been commissioned through the joint working undertaken by PfSH. PfSH commissioned the Solent Waders and Brent Goose

		Strategy Partnership to produce the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy (2024) and Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy, Guidance on Mitigation and Off-setting Requirements (2024).
27: Flood Risk	Partnership for South Hampshire	The policy has been informed by and refers to the PfSH SFRA Level 1, and the HBC SFRA (Local Plan Sites).
33: Conservation Areas	Historic England	This policy was developed between Regulation 18 and 19 following engagement with Historic England.
34: Listed Buildings	Historic England	This policy was developed between Regulation 18 and 19 following engagement with Historic England.
35: Archaeology	Historic England	This policy was developed between Regulation 18 and 19 following engagement with Historic England.
36: Locally Listed Buildings and non-designated heritage assets	Historic England	This policy was developed between Regulation 18 and 19 following engagement with Historic England.
37: Improvements in Energy Performance of Historic Assets	Historic England	This policy was developed between Regulation 18 and 19 following engagement with Historic England.
55: Accessibility, Transport and Parking	Hampshire County Council	This policy has been informed by Hampshire County Council's Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4).

