

# FAREHAM

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Letter sent by email only

Dear Mr Fox,

### **Winchester District Local Plan 2020-2040 (Regulation 19)**

Please accept the following comments regarding the Regulation 19 Submission Plan on behalf of Fareham Borough Council.

#### Statement of Common Ground and the Duty to Cooperate

As set out in the August 2024 Statement of Common Ground made between Fareham Borough Council and Winchester City Council, Fareham Borough Council welcomes Winchester City Council's intention to meet their own housing need within the district and also supports the contribution being made towards accommodating the unmet need within the wider Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH) area. The councils have made a commitment to continue to work together to address strategic and cross boundary matters.

#### Policy SP2 Spatial Strategy and Development Principles

Fareham Borough Council welcomes the spatial strategy for the South Hampshire Urban Area. The provision of homes and economic growth opportunities in this part of the district will play an important role in helping PfSH to deliver on its economic performance objectives.

#### Policy NE7 – Settlement Gap

Fareham Borough Council welcome the retention of the settlement gaps (viii) Whiteley-Fareham/Fareham Western Wards (the Meon Gap) and (ix) Knowle, Wickham and Welborne and consider the policy approach taken as set out in Policy NE7 is sound.

#### Strategic Policy H1 - Housing Provision

Fareham Borough Council supports this policy in planning for meeting the needs of Winchester and welcomes the inclusion of an additional 1,900 dwellings unmet need allowance. This Policy plans positively for wider sub-regional needs and considerations and demonstrates collaborative working through the Duty to Cooperate.

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Policy SH2 - North Whiteley

Fareham Borough Council recognise the opportunities to meet housing need through the proposed small extensions to the North Whiteley development area. Fareham Borough Council welcomes that developments will be required to align with and support the proposed South East Hampshire Rapid Transport network extensions and the Fareham Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) network.

Policy SH4 – Solent Business Park

Fareham Borough Council continue to support the economic aspirations of the Winchester Local Plan and the ongoing commitment to the development and vitality of Solent Business Park through its retention as an employment allocation.

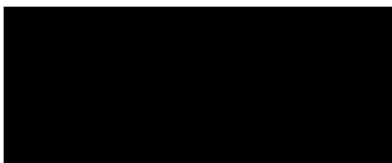
Policy WK3 – Welborne Open Space

Fareham Borough Council acknowledge and welcome Winchester City Council's commitment to cooperate with FBC in achieving the strategic development of Welborne and recognise the value of ensuring separation between the Welborne strategic development and the existing settlements of Knowle and Wickham in order to retain the open nature of the landscape.

Policy KN1 – Ravenswood

The Council is supportive of the policy requirements accompanying this allocation. It is important that the site ties in to the existing strategy for the locality in terms of links with Knowle, but also safeguarding the areas of greenspace identified in policy WK3 to create the buffers around the new development at Welborne, particularly the impacts at Dashwood.

Yours sincerely



  
**Head of Planning**