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Dear Ms Roberts,

Draft Test Valley Local Plan 2040 – Regulation 18 Stage 2 Consultation

Thank you for consulting Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (BDBC) on the Test Valley Regulation 18 Stage 2 Local Plan 2040. The opportunity to engage and collaborate on strategic planning matters, policies and cross boundary issues is welcomed. The adopted Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan covers the period 2011 to 2029 and we have also recently undertaken public consultation on our Draft Local Plan, which covers the period 2021 to 2040.

It is noted that the plan proposes meeting its housing requirement in full based on the standard method calculations. As identified in our draft Local Plan, we are also seeking to meet our proposed housing requirement with a 10% buffer over the plan period. BDBC raises no objection to the proposed spatial strategy subject to the identified housing need being met during the plan period and ensuring that any impact of the Plan on the borough of Basingstoke and Deane is suitably mitigated.

It is noted that the Plan is supported by an Employment Needs Further Analysis Study prepared by DLP (2022) which builds upon the Employment, Economic and Commercial Needs Study prepared by Stantec (2021). The Local Plan proposes to meet its economic needs through the protection of strategic employment sites along with a number of employment site allocations. In northern Test Valley, the strategic allocation south of Truxton Aerodrome is welcomed as it provides for employment floorspace to support employment sectors identified by the Local Enterprise Partnerships. In southern Test Valley it is noted that the need is met overall but there is a specific unmet need for warehousing that will be reviewed before consultation on the regulation 19 Local Plan. BDBC provide no objection to the proposed spatial strategy in relation to the distribution and location of employment land allocations at this stage, but welcomes on going duty to co-operate meetings on this issue to ensure that needs are met across the sub-region and that appropriate mitigation and infrastructure requirements are secured through policy.

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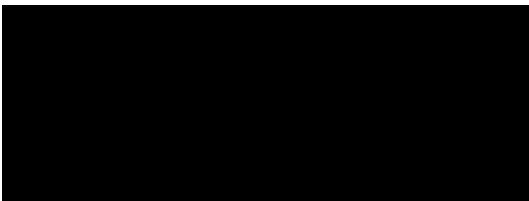
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It is noted that the draft Plan doesn't identify sufficient land to meet the needs of gypsies, travellers and travelling show people and that the approach to meeting these accommodation needs is still subject to further evidence gathering. As previously confirmed, BDBC is not in the position to assist with meeting the need identified, given the current level of need within this borough, and the availability of suitable sites to accommodate those needs. We also anticipate continued dialogue on this issue through the duty to co-operate as both Plan's progress and suitable strategies for meeting needs are identified.

The collaborative working with other local authorities in the Solent Region on seeking to avoid and mitigate the impacts of nutrients from new development, upon the Test, Itchen and sensitive environment of the Solent is supported. We also support the approach to protecting the North Wessex Downs National Landscape in line with the Management Plan.

We look forward to continuing our engagement on our emerging local plans. Please keep us informed of progress and any areas for collaboration.

Yours sincerely



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