

## **Development needs in our local area - 09/10/2025**

### Attendees:

- Ian Maguire (IM) - Portsmouth City Council
- Lucy Howard (LH) - Portsmouth City Council
- Tom Bell (TB) - Portsmouth City Council
- Lee Smith (LS) - Fareham Borough Council
- Emma Younger (EY) - Fareham Borough Council
- Adrian Fox (AF) - Winchester City Council
- Julie Pinnock (JP) - Winchester City Council
- Adam Harvey (AH) - East Hampshire District Council
- Jayson Grygiel (JG) - Gosport Borough Council
- Jade Ellis (JE) - Havant Borough Council
- David Hayward (DH) - Havant Borough Council

### **1. Introductions and reasons for the meeting**

### **2. Setting out the position of Portsmouth City Council, Havant Borough Council and Gosport Borough Council**

- LH went through the [PowerPoint](#) presentation and referenced the three letters that had been sent. She talked through the background and purpose to this meeting which was to provide clarity on the amount of unmet development need in South East Hampshire
- AF asked that the three authorities demonstrate that they have approached every other local planning authority for helping to meet unmet housing needs (i.e. it does not solely relate to Housing Market Areas). It will be important that each LPA is able to provide evidence on the discharge of the Duty to Cooperate, at their respective Local Plan examinations
- AF stated that the WCC politicians and Officers are very clear that they are of the opinion the unmet housing need is a Hampshire issue and it does not solely rest with places like Winchester district. WCC are making representations on other Local Plans in Hampshire that they need to include an allowance for the unmet housing need and they would encourage Portsmouth, Havant and Gosport to do the same
- IM disagreed and stated that unmet development needs in South East Hampshire is primarily an issue for the South East Hampshire authorities due to their geography and Housing Market Area.
- PCC will be consulting on its second Reg 19 Local Plan in November/December and will submit for examination in March 2026

- GBC going for June 2026 submission - Reg 19 in Feb
- Havant - November 2026 submission
- EHDC - November 2026 submission - Summer 2026 Reg 19

### **3. Partnership for South Hampshire**

- PfSH POG Briefing for member on housing supply is coming up
- To mention HMA and housing need at AOB at next PfSH POG meeting
- JG - Advisory Inspector made it clear that we had to demonstrate explicitly that the duty to cooperate process had been undertaken
- JE - Focus needs to be on being proactive and on the unmet needs and how this can be addressed in the local plans
- DH - Reiterated that whilst we may extend beyond the HMA, that we have to consider travel patterns and that authorities will logically look to meet the need for development in the HMA first.

### **4. Devolution in Hampshire & the Solent and the Spatial Development Strategy**

- IM - Project timeline done before the end of November hopefully (Emily and Joe from Hampshire working on this)
- Work that the shadow Mayoral Combined Authority (MCCA) is doing now, is to gather the evidence and explain it, not to put numbers on maps
- IM stated that the MCCA will exist for definite by February. - Elected members from the county council and the three unitaries to be on this
- Constraints mapping - every council now has email from Joe regarding this
- IM lobbying for an agreed written protocol for all local councils - he has drafted this letter. So that we aren't standing on each other for evidence
- IM working on the future of PfSH after Devolution

### **5. Next steps**

- Havant, Gosport and PCC have drafted letter - will be sent to everyone tomorrow to look at - Everyone to respond to this by 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025
- ACTION - PCC, GBC and HBC - Winchester have requested to know for each local authority, who we have had duty to cooperate discussions with and who we have asked to meet our unmet housing need

### **6. AOB**

- 18<sup>th</sup> November - 8<sup>th</sup> January - Addendum consultation for PCC - will publish their Interim Duty to Cooperate Statement and publish the South East Hampshire letter on PCC website
- Action notes to be put together and circulated