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Dear Sir / Madam

### **Draft Canterbury Local Plan – Regulation 18 Consultation**

Thank you for consulting Folkestone & Hythe District Council on the Draft Canterbury Local Plan Focused Consultation (Regulation 18).

We note that the draft local plan includes provision for 26,466 dwellings against the need for 25,354 dwellings and that Canterbury City Council aims to meet its housing need in full through the new local plan.

Folkestone & Hythe District Council is starting work on a new local plan which we intend to prepare under the framework of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act (LURA) when regulations are published later this year. The council has recently undertaken two 'call for sites' exercises to identify potential development sites for the new plan.

While Folkestone & Hythe intends to meet its housing need in full through its new local plan, we are at an early stage in plan preparation, and we do not know what development capacity the 'call for sites' will reveal. Given the significant environmental and physical constraints that exist in the Folkestone & Hythe district, we may need to approach neighbouring authorities as we develop the plan to see whether they have capacity to meet any potential unmet need from the district, where it is practical to do so and consistent with achieving sustainable development, as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework.

We hope that these comments help you to progress with your new local plan.

If you have any further questions, please let me know.

Yours faithfully



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