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Dear Sir / Madam

**Draft Canterbury Local Plan – Regulation 19 Consultation**

Thank you for consulting Folkestone & Hythe District Council on the Draft Canterbury District Local Plan (Regulation 19).

We note that the draft local plan includes provision for 25,407 dwellings against the need for 23,085 dwellings and that Canterbury City Council aims to meet its housing need in full through the new local plan.

Folkestone & Hythe District Council is supportive of the ongoing cooperation and joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters with Canterbury City Council, as mentioned in paragraphs 1.41 and 1.42 of the Draft Canterbury District Local Plan (Regulation 19).

Folkestone & Hythe District Council is starting work on a new local plan which we are preparing under the new Levelling Up and Regeneration Act (LURA) system. 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. Given the significant environmental and physical constraints that exist in the Folkestone & Hythe district, we may need to approach neighbouring authorities in the future 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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