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Dear Sir/Madam,

Pre-Submission Surrey Heath Local Plan (2019-2038): (Regulation 19)

Thank you for consulting Waverley Borough Council on the above document. This response has been prepared by officers in liaison with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Economic Development. As with our previous representations, this response focuses on strategic matters.

We note that the Local Housing Need figure for Surrey Heath is 321 homes per year, which over the plan period totals 6,111 new homes. The Pre-Submission Local Plan seeks to provide 6,012 homes over the plan period, with an additional 533 homes to be delivered through the Hart District Local Plan to meet the unmet housing need in Surrey Heath. We support the approach that Surrey Heath's unmet housing need is being met within the Hart, Rushmoor and Surrey Heath Housing Market Area (HMA).

Waverley Borough Council is in the early stages of preparing a new Local Plan for the borough. Waverley would be unable to accommodate any of the unmet housing need arising from Surrey Heath as we are currently unable to demonstrate a 5 year housing land supply to meet our own local housing need assessed using the standard method (currently 710 dwellings pa compared to 590pa in our Local Plan), This is due to the significant environmental and policy constraints in our borough including Green Belt, National Landscapes and Special Protection Areas.

It is noted that the Pre-submission Surrey Heath Local Plan provides 1 site allocation for Gypsy and Traveller pitches, and there is therefore a considerable shortfall of sites for Gypsy and Traveller pitches and plots over the plan period. As set out in our duty to co-operate letter dated October 2023, Waverley Borough Council is unable to assist in terms of meeting this unmet need for Gypsy and Traveller sites. While sufficient provision has been made within Waverley Borough Local Plan Part 2 (LPP2) to meet the need arising from the Gypsy and Traveller communities within Waverley during the plan period (up to 2032), there is insufficient surplus to be able to accommodate any unmet need arising from Surrey Heath Borough.

We do not anticipate that any of the other policies would have any strategic impacts.

Yours faithfully,

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