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Horsham District Local Plan 2023-40 Consultation (Regulation 19)

CPRE Sussex response to:

UNMET HOUSING NEED – HOW MANY HOUSES?

1. Plan paragraph 4.9 states that 'The constraints of water neutrality do not enable the unmet housing needs of other districts and boroughs to be accommodated at the current time. This position will need to be kept under review as part of future plan reviews and through ongoing active engagement, once an alternative supply solution for the District is secured'.

1.1 The areas, districts and boroughs in question are identified at paragraph 4.8: North West Sussex (Crawley), Coastal West Sussex (Worthing) and Surrey Green Belt/other authorities (Mole Valley).

1.2 Paragraph 4.20 advises that 'at the time of writing there remains uncertainty over the time scales for the delivery of longer-term water neutrality solutions. It is anticipated that this knowledge will become clearer over time. As part of the monitoring and subsequent reviews of this Local Plan, there will be an opportunity for the Council to revisit the potential for the District to contribute to meeting the significant unmet housing needs for other authorities including Crawley and the South Coast'.

2. CPRE Sussex is concerned that the magnitude of the 'significant unmet housing needs' of these other authorities is not disclosed in the Plan.

2.1 This is cause for concern because the addition of their unmet housing needs will inflate considerably the District's own substantial housing-need target, with ramifications for communities, infrastructure and the environment.

3. The likely order of magnitude should be given in the Plan.

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