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Winchester District Local Plan

# Partnership for South Hampshire Update



# PfSH STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

- The Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH) established for many years to help the local authorities work together on strategic issues affecting South Hampshire
- A Joint Committee established in 2007 is the PfSH decision-making body
- PfSH agreed a 'Spatial Position Statement' in 2016 based on a PfSH Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) and other evidence
- Changes to the NPPF and 'standard method' for assessing housing need resulted in PfSH JC agreeing an initial Statement of Common Ground in September 2020
- The SOCG is an agreement to work together on strategic planning matters

# THE SOCG WORK STREAMS

- A study to identify and assess potential 'Strategic Development Opportunity Areas' (SDOAs) and strategy to meet the development needs of the PfSH area (underway)
- An 'Economic, Employment and Commercial Needs Study' to assess the potential need for commercial and employment land (completed)
- A 'Green Infrastructure and Green Belt Designation Study' to assess the green infrastructure needs associated with development and whether the designation of a South Hampshire Green Belt is justified (being commissioned)
- An updated Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) for the PfSH area (underway)

# THE OCTOBER 2021 SOCG UPDATE

- Full details in the report to PfSH Joint Committee on 25 October 2021
- Updates progress on the work streams – SDOAs study due to be presented to JC in Q3 2022, along with the GI and Green Belt Study recommendation on Green Belt
- Updates position on housing needs and supply to 2036, reflecting the latest 'standard method' and 35% uplift for larger cities (including Southampton)
- The housing 'shortfall' has increased from 10,750 to about 13,000, largely as a result of the Southampton increase
- This is a 'snapshot' which will be updated as local plans are brought forward, etc

# DEVELOPING A JOINT STRATEGY

- The various work streams are intended to enable PfSH to develop an updated Joint Strategy, to replace the outdated 2016 Strategy
- This will seek to promote a sustainable strategy to meet development needs to 2036 (including the 'shortfall'), but Local Plans will allocate any sites as necessary
- Likely that Winchester will be asked to help meet the shortfall under the 'Duty to Cooperate', but this would happen whether WCC is part of PfSH or not
- The 'Duty to Cooperate' is a critical 'test of soundness' for the Local Plan and failures cannot be corrected at the examination

THANK YOU –  
QUESTIONS?

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