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Duty to Co-operate New Forest National Park Local Plan Review

As you will be aware from earlier correspondence from the National Park Authority, we have commenced a [consultation](#) under Regulation 18 on a draft Local Plan, during the period **5 November 2025 to 23:59 hours on 19 December 2025**.

During the consultation, the Authority wishes to engage directly with your organisation under the Duty to Co-operate, with a particular focus on strategic cross-boundary matters such as housing need (including gypsy and traveller provision) and habitat mitigation measures. Evidence from the New Forest Strategic Housing Market Assessment indicates that an apportionment of the standard method need figures for our constituent local authorities produces a need for circa 260 dwellings per annum in the National Park area. This is a 'policy off' assessment and consequently takes no account of land supply or development constraints within the New Forest, including its National Park status and significant areas subject to national and international nature conservations designations. Accordingly, at this stage the draft Local Plan seeks to plan for an additional 950 dwellings over the

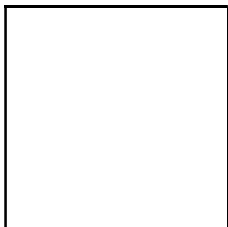
plan period 2024 – 2043, which includes carrying forward existing allocations from the 2019 adopted local plan and allocating some additional sites for residential purposes.

Consequently, we are now at the stage of our plan making process where we need to formally request assistance in addressing the unmet housing need arising from the National Park. Similarly, emerging evidence on gypsy, travellers and travelling showpersons needs indicates increase in both pitch and plot position, albeit this work is still being finalised. However, given the draft outputs the Authority would also wish to formally request assistance in this matter.

Therefore, under the Duty to Co-operate we would appreciate a meeting to discuss unmet development needs. Ideally, this discussion takes place during the 6 week consultation period stated above, in this regard please contact us at policy@newforestnpa.gov.uk to arrange a mutually convenient time.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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