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Please see attached response from Hart District Council.

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To: Surrey Heath Borough Council Planning Policy and Conservation Team

Surrey Heath Local Plan 2019-2038 Main Modifications

MM1: Policy SS1 Spatial Strategy

We support MM1 which clarifies that Hart District Council has already delivered 41 dwellings per annum between 2019 and 2032 on behalf of SHBC to address an unmet need in Surrey Heath.

MM25: Policy H11 Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.

We support the introduction of the new paragraph 1 into the policy subject to the following clarification (requested additional text underlined):

1) There is an identified need for 35 Gypsy and Traveller pitches and 14 Travelling Showpeople plots for those meeting the planning definition which will be delivered within the Borough over the plan period.

We understand from duty to cooperate discussions with Surrey Heath Borough Council (SHBC) that SHBC intends to meet its own Traveller needs within its borough through the policy mechanisms set out in the SHBC local plan. Thus there are no unmet Traveller needs that neighbouring authorities need to consider when preparing their local plans. We welcome SHBC taking this position but suggest that the proposed change to paragraph 1 set out above would avoid any ambiguity on this point, particularly given SHBC is not allocating sufficient sites to meet needs in full, and is relying on unallocated Traveller sites to come forward, and on securing pitches/plots within larger residential developments.

Yours faithfully



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On behalf of Councillor Graham Cockarill, Portfolio Holder for Planning Policy.