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New South Hampshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment

Every local planning authority is required to demonstrate how it will meet an appropriate share of the housing need identified and to plan positively for the delivery of sufficient new homes to support future prosperity in its area. To support ongoing work on local plans, the Partnership for South Hampshire (PUSH) commissioned the preparation of a new Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA).

The 'South Hampshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment' was considered by Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) at its Joint Committee yesterday (28 January 2014). Compiled by GL Hearn, this independent evidence base provides projections of housing need to 2036 in two housing market areas, focused on Portsmouth and Southampton respectively. It responds to Government policy that local planning authorities should work together to undertake such assessments of their housing needs and plan to meet them across each housing market area where this is consistent with achieving sustainable development.

The SHMA is not policy in itself but forms a part of the evidence base that will help the PUSH local planning authorities in the review of the spatial strategy for the area to 2036. The SHMA acts as a building block for further work which will necessarily take into account housing demand and deliverability, environmental constraints, transport pressures, land availability and supply considerations as well as the feasibility of delivering infrastructure to support housing development. The review of the PUSH Spatial Strategy will take account of the capacity of different areas to accommodate development and the most sustainable locations for new homes in each of the two housing market areas. There is much work to do yet to consider these issues further.

Councillor Seán Woodward, Chairman of PUSH, said:

" PUSH local authorities will now seek to bring together the evidence in the SHMA with a range of other factors to consider what level of development should be planned for across the PUSH area and in its different parts. This will involve detailed joint work to assess the availability of land that can sustainably accommodate development, environmental constraints and impacts, economic development and employment analysis, along with infrastructure capacity and consideration of what new infrastructure might be needed. Preparations are underway to commence the next stage of the process which is the review of the South Hampshire spatial strategy to take account of all of these factors."

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Notes for editors

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1. PUSH is a partnership of twelve local authorities including unitary authorities of Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight; Hampshire County Council and the district authorities of Eastleigh, East Hampshire, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, New Forest, Test Valley and Winchester.
2. PUSH in collaboration with local partners and government agencies continues to work to deliver sustainable, economic-led growth and regeneration to create a more prosperous, attractive and sustainable South Hampshire, which offers a better quality of life for all who live, work and spend their leisure time in the sub region.
3. For more Information about PUSH and to download the full SHMA report, please visit the PUSH website at www.push.gov.uk

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