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Dear Cllr Woodward,

Thank you for your email of 25 October, on behalf of Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH), about the Housing Delivery Test.

Officials from both the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) are continuing to work actively with Natural England and the Environment Agency to address the issues being posed by nitrates pollution in the Solent. They are also exploring opportunities to support the Partnership for South Hampshire authorities in the technical work to develop strategic solutions that could deliver wider benefits to communities and the environment.

As you will be aware we have now entered the formal pre-election period, and it would not be appropriate for me to commit to any action relating to the Housing Delivery Test at this time.

Thank you again for your letter.

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