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Dear Secretary of State,

Nutrient neutrality and the impact on housing building

I write on behalf of all members of the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH) and further to my letter of 25 October to your colleague Esther McVey MP. A copy of that letter and response received is attached for ease of reference.

I am aware that representations on the issue of nutrient neutrality and the impact on housing and five-year supply have been made in a joint letter dated 14 January from colleagues at East Hampshire and Havant Councils. That letter and my own of 25 October concern, among other things, largely the same issue of the NPPF Housing Delivery Test. Now that the period running up to the general election has passed, I hope that your department will be in a better position to provide a full response, which will be appreciated.

In addition, and in my capacity as Chairman of the PfSH wider membership of twelve local authorities around the Solent, I fully support and endorse the issues raised in East Hampshire and Havant Councils' joint letter of 14 January. That letter fully outlines the issues that all member local authorities are grappling with.

I reiterate the points raised in my previous letter, that finding both short and medium/long-term solutions to the problems is a shared one. It is in all of our interests, including those of central government, that the aims and objections of the NPPF are met. However, the requests made and questions posed in both my own and in East Hampshire and Havant Councils' letters represent the thinking of the wider sub-region - that is all local authorities affected by this issue - and should be considered sensible and measured approaches as we all find solutions to resume house building in the region. In particular we need to ensure that central government works with us to fund the solutions that are needed in both the short-term and the long-term.

I look forward to your reply to this letter and to that of my colleagues at East Hampshire and Havant Councils.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman, Partnership for South Hampshire