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Dear Sir or Madam

GOSPORT BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN 2011-2029: PUBLICATION VERSION JULY 2014 – CONSULTATION (Regulation 19¹)

I am writing to let you know that the Borough Council is consulting on the Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029. The Local Plan is supported by an up to date evidence base and have been approved for the purposes of consultation at a meeting of the Council on 23rd July 2014. This round of consultation will be the final stage of public consultation for this document before it is submitted to the Secretary of State for examination later this year.

You may have already been involved in the process through earlier informal consultation on the draft Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029 in December 2012. The comments received on this draft document have been fully considered and helped to inform the final version which is the subject of this consultation.

This is now an opportunity to make formal representations on the Local Plan. These representations will be considered by an independent Inspector at an examination.

For clarity, this letter of notification sets out the period for consultation when representations can be made on the plan and the basis on which representations should be made and where the local plan and supporting documents can be viewed.

The consultation period for the Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029 (Publication Version) runs for six weeks from 12th August – 22nd September 2014. Please note this is a formal period of consultation therefore representations received by the Borough Council after 22nd September will not be accepted.

Any representations on this document should focus on whether it is considered that the local plan complies with its legal requirements, the Duty to Co-operate and whether it is 'sound'. The soundness of a plan is based on whether it is:

Positively prepared – based on a strategy to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure needs.

Justified – based on a robust and credible evidence base.

¹ Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

Effective – the plan should be deliverable over the plan period; and
Consistent with national policy – enabling the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies of the National Planning Policy Framework.

The Local Plan can be viewed on the Borough Council's website at: www.gosport.gov.uk/localplan2029 together with its evidence base and other supporting documents. A full set of documents are also available to view from the Planning Services reception situated on the 3rd floor at the Town Hall. The Town Hall is open from Monday – Friday, 9.00-5.00pm. The Publication Version of the Local Plan is also available to view at the following locations:

- Gosport Discovery Centre, High Street, Gosport, PO12 1BT;
- Elson Library, 136 Chantry Road, Gosport, PO12 4NG;
- Lee-on-the-Solent Library, High Street, Lee-on-the-Solent, PO13 9BZ; and
- Bridgemary Library, 74 Brewers Lane, Bridgemary, Gosport, PO13 0LA.

Library opening times can be found on:
<http://www.gosport.gov.uk/sections/community/libraries/>

Representations can be made using the representations form in the following way:

- Using the online form service available at www.gosport.gov.uk/localplan2029;
- By email to planning.policy@gosport.gov.uk.
- By post to:
The Head of Planning Policy
Gosport Borough Council
Town Hall, High Street
Gosport, PO12 1EB.

If you have any queries about the Local Plan, please contact the Planning Policy Team on the telephone number at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully



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