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Councillor Edward Heron
Deputy Leader of the Council
New Forest District Council
Meadow Cottage
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Dear Councillor Heron

Consideration of Local Plan Representation

We understand from correspondence with your Planning Officer that New Forest District Council will not be publicly discussing the Draft Local Plan before submitting it to the planning Inspectorate.

We also understand that at your meeting on 6th June 2018 Recommendation C was passed which authorised the submission of the Draft Local Plan without further discussion; however, Recommendation D stated:

“That the Service Manager (Policy and Strategy) in consultation with the Planning and Infrastructure Portfolio Holder, be authorised to make minor changes and corrections to the Local Plan prior to public consultation and submission for examination.”

The scale and nature of the representations in relation to SS6 in the Draft Local Plan are, we believe, highly significant. We have viewed the representations in relation to SS6 and they covered 567 pages – the vast majority of which were objections, including objections from statutory bodies such as Lymington and Pennington Town Council.

Removing SS6 from your plan will affect the total housing allocation for NFDC by just 1% and could be offset by using brownfield sites immediately available in this area.

We believe that you still have an opportunity to consider making amendments to the Local Plan whilst still being able to submit on or before 24th January 2019 (which we assume that you are wishing to do) by calling an urgent meeting. Indeed, this was envisaged by the programme which was agreed by Cabinet on 6th June 2018. We do not understand how the Council can legitimately consider the Plan to be sound and ready for submission as required by section 20(2)(b) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 without at least first properly considering the representations on SS6. Councillors have not previously considered, in public, the points raised in the representations on SS6 as this was the first time this allocation was substantively consulted upon as part of this process. The points raised in these representations are supported by substantial evidence.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Bruce Tindall
Chair, Pennington and Lymington Lanes Society

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