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Dear Suna

Neighbourhood Plan: New Milton

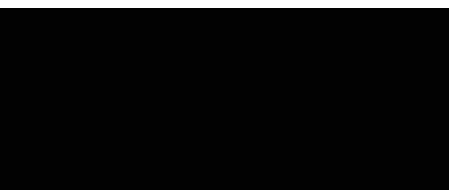
Thank you for forwarding me a copy of the Neighbourhood Plan for Peterhouse.

We note that the review Local Plan will have to take into account a higher housing requirement than New Forest District Council have previously assumed. This will affect consideration of fresh Green Belt boundaries. Not only that, potential changes are due in the National Planning Policy Framework that will give wider powers for Neighbourhood Plans to influence Green Belt change.

Peterhouse therefore wonders whether the Town Council might consider delaying the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan to allow it to read as complementary to the emerging local and national planning policy guidance. By doing so, the Neighbourhood Plan will then be able to reflect the previously preferred allocation for land west of Stem Lane (750 homes) and provide employment accommodation at site X. This was, until recently, the Town Council's best scenario for the town's future, and successfully tested through public consultation. The Town Council are also reminded that the CIL opportunity for the Town Council will be significant from a wider scheme. It will support wider aspirations than the current draft Neighbourhood Plan can reasonably anticipate.

Peterhouse have welcomed their previous cooperation with the Neighbourhood Steering Group but believes the proposed Neighbourhood Plan might be premature to higher policy directions that could bring greater sustainability benefits for the town.

Yours sincerely



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