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Dear Derek,

Duty to Cooperate

As a result of recommendations from Mr Richard Hollox, the Planning Inspector for the Hastings Planning Strategy Examination, the Council formally request Rother District Council, as the adjoining planning authority to Hastings Borough, to consider the extent to which your authority are able to assist in meeting this Council's housing requirements. Specifically the Inspector has advised that the difference between the housing land supply as proposed in the Planning Strategy (3,400 dwellings during 2011-2028) and the supply envisaged in the trend based projection (7,493 dwellings during 2011-2028) should be the basis for discussions between our Councils.

Mr Hollox also states that "if Rother District Council is unable to assist, I would expect some compelling reasons for its decision. That evidence would be part of my examination of the Planning Strategy, and particularly whether it has been *positively prepared*."

The reasons behind the request are outlined in the attached letters from Mr Hollox. I have also attached a recent letter sent by this Council to the Inspector which mentions the matter.

In order to obtain a response from your authority at the earliest opportunity can I suggest that our Councils meet to discuss the issue as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely

Simon Hubbard
Director, Regeneration

Encs:

1. Letter from Inspector dated 19.02.2013
2. HBC Letter to Inspector dated 22.02.2013.
3. Letter from Inspector dated 28.02.2013
4. Table of Modifications
5. HBC Response to outstanding issues raised at EIP – Feb 2013

