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**Re: Adur Local Plan 2016 Main Modifications**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Gladman Developments Ltd (Gladman) specialise in the promotion of strategic land for residential development and associated community infrastructure. From this experience, Gladman understand the need for the planning system to deliver the housing and economic needs of an area, whilst responding positively to the wider opportunities for growth.

Gladman note the modifications, as written, and the level of housing growth which is to be accommodated in Adur. As we highlighted in our representations at the last round of consultation Gladman concur with the Councils findings that given its constraints meeting its development needs is challenging. Whilst we note the steps taken by the Council to meet its OAN it is still failing to do so. On that basis Gladman consider it is imperative that steps are taken for the neighbouring districts to plan for the unmet need of Adur. At present this is failing to happen. Significant levels of unmet exist not only in Adur but across the coastal Sussex authorities and into West and North Sussex. Too continually 'kick the can down the road' is not an effective way of dealing with unmet housing needs, nor is it sound long-term planning for the region.

Gladman therefore contend that the plan, in order to be effective, justified and in accordance with National Policy, must contain a mechanism for early review in order to bring into line with other surround authorities across Sussex and crucially with any regional and sub regional housing needs assessments which are undertaken. Such strategic documents are essential to the sound future planning of Sussex and as such a requirement needs to be put into this Local Plan that will set about a

mechanism for this authority to contribute to joint working and agreement with its neighbours to not only identify unmet housing needs, but also to ensure they are properly planned for and delivered.

Gladman believe that any review policy should be tied to working with neighbouring authorities in identifying housing need and as best as possible synchronising the future timescales for plan production or producing joint strategic plans.

We trust that these representations are helpful, we would request the right to be heard at the reconvened examinations to discuss the above points in further detail and to elaborate on the points expressed in this letter.

Yours faithfully

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