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Dear Sir / Madam

**Worthing Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)
Request for information about potential housing sites**

Government guidance requires Councils to assess the amount of land available for housing development within their area, and publish the results in the form of a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). When complete, the SHLAA forms an important part of the housing evidence base.

Worthing Borough Council published its first SHLAA in 2009 and its findings have since been reviewed annually. However, in response to changes to the planning system at the national level and the need to ensure that all housing evidence at the local level is robust and up to date it is now considered to be an appropriate time to undertake a comprehensive review of the SHLAA. This will include a further 'call for sites'.

The methodology that will be used for this update will meet with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework and will closely follow the Government's Practice Guidance (2007). The methodology and other associated documents are available to view on the Council's website (www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/shlaa-worthing/) and, at this early stage of the review comments are also welcomed on the approach proposed.

It should be noted that whilst this assessment relates to both brownfield and greenfield land within the Borough of Worthing it does not include land that lies within the South Downs National Park. The National Park Authority is undertaking their own SHLAA and further information on this is linked from the Council's website.

As set out in the methodology the process to be undertaken will include a thorough review of all existing information and a new 'call for sites'. As such, landowners, developers, agents and other stakeholders with knowledge and interests in the area are now being asked to either put forward opportunities for assessment. Sites to be considered must be capable of accommodating 6 or more dwellings. Site assessment forms, which set out the information required, are available to download from the Council's website. A separate form should be completed for each site.

You may be aware of some sites that are already included in the SHLAA (2009) or that were previously considered but not included. As already explained, all existing sites will be reviewed so in these instances it would be beneficial if interested parties could provide any relevant updates.

It is important to note that the SHLAA is a technical document which seeks to identify sites which may have potential for future housing development. Although it forms a key piece of housing evidence as the Council considers its approach to housing delivery it does not in itself determine whether a site should be identified for housing development or that planning permission will necessarily be granted for such a use.

Please could any updates and / or completed Site Assessment Form(s) be returned to the Council by 30th August 2013. It should be noted that the SHLAA is a public document and therefore no information submitted for inclusion in it can be treated as confidential.

If you have any comments on the methodology or points that you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to call the Planning Policy Team on the number below.

Yours faithfully



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