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By email only: AnnualPositionStatements@planningnspectorate.gov.uk

Dear PINS,

Dorset Council Annual Position Statement

In accordance with Paragraph 78 of the National Planning Policy Framework December 2023, this letter is notification of Dorset Council's intent to confirm its 5-year housing land supply position through the submission of an Annual Position Statement.

In forming this Annual Position Statement, the Council will be undertaking site visits to establish the most up to date position on residential development sites. There will be engagement with developers to understand their intentions for the delivery of new homes. A draft position statement will be produced which will be subject to consultation and discussion with developers, agents and landowners. The amended Annual Position Statement, along with a schedule of sites where delivery is disputed, will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by 31 July 2024.

Dorset Council is a recently reorganised Council where Housing Delivery Test and 5-year Housing Land Supply reports have been produced on the basis of the legacy local planning authority areas. Dorset Council has requested that the 2023 Housing Delivery Test measurement be published to reflect the Dorset Council area. This will lead to the production of a single Dorset Council 5-year housing land supply Annual Position Statement.

We look forward to receiving confirmation that this letter has been received. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Terry Sneller, Strategic Planning Manager (email:

Yours sincerely,

Mike Garrity

Head of Planning, Dorset Council