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To: Planning Policy Internet

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Subject: Ramsey Martin Comment on local plan.

Dear Sirs,

As a local employer seeking to expand in Gosport I find the approach of the council to be fundamentally sensible.

I would go further to the point of saying no additional housing stock should be built until after 6,000 new replacement jobs have been created in the Gosport area. Replacement housing yes, new builds no.

A significant amount of employment land has been purchased by house builders and converted to housing space. This process is progressively excluding employers.

I have been attempting to find space to have new premises built for expansion. My experience is that commercial interests like mine are being priced out of Gosport in favour of quick return housing building. I have seen a significant job exodus from Gosport in addition to that of the MoD.

The out commuting from Gosport is a serious problem and will cause a serious reduction in the local experienced skill base when these people give up and relocate closer to their employment.

Many of these out commuters would appreciate the chance to work in the Gosport area. I have interviewed many who are travelling daily distances in excess of 90 miles from Gosport to work.

I must say that if the current trend continues and if the local plan as proposed by Gosport is modified to shift the bias even further towards housing then I will have no option other than choosing to make my expansion plans elsewhere in the country where employment expansion is not being priced out in favour of quick returns on housing stock.

To conclude I fully support the careful measured progress that has been set out in the original Gosport plan.

best regards

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