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Dear John

Many thanks for consulting us on this matter.

Hambleton Council wishes to fully support the approach you are taking in respect of retaining your housing development target of 180 dwellings per annum following your thorough reassessment, so as to meet your economic and housing growth requirements and particularly affordability needs.

We would be concerned from a cross boundary view if the target was to be significantly reduced as this would put pressure on Hambleton's housing market area as developers are struggling to meet our own housing and affordable housing targets at present. Despite having an adopted plan with sufficient sites identified for delivery, there is a significant backlog of supply to meet due to the recession and slowdown in housebuilding. We could not therefore accept a requirement to meet needs in this District arising from adjacent areas or a diversion of housing pressure, which could happen if your target was set too low (eg 80 dwellings).

We support the arguments you make with respect to the Regional Spatial Strategy, accommodation provision for military families and your approach to Travellers pitches. We also note the expected consultation with us soon on your GTAA update as set out in your action plan.

Finally we support your proposed changes to the Core Strategy, much of which is useful updating.

Kind Regards

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