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### **SHUV – South Hampshire's Unheard Voices**

Dear Minister,

I am writing further to my letter of 21<sup>st</sup> September in respect of the proposals for an Eco-town north of Fareham/south of Wickham in Hampshire. Fareham Borough Council is working on the Core Strategy of its Local Development Framework but with the assumption that the massive infrastructure improvements which are required will be funded by virtue of the development being declared an Eco-town.

The SDA Community Liaison Group met again informally on 4<sup>th</sup> October, and yet again the participants stated their opposition to the size of the SDA, to the lack of details on true local need, to the unfunded proposals for associated major infrastructure, to the impact on water, floodplains and aquifers and to a wholly separate business park at the next motorway junction. The latter plans for the M27 J11 being entirely inconsistent with the principles of self-containment which should underpin an Eco-town. Research from the Senior demographer at Hampshire County Council has shown that Fareham's own indigenous need for dwellings to 2026 can virtually be met within the existing urban areas of Fareham, the only residual being 375 dwellings; a far cry from the 7,000 being proposed for the SDA.

As I mentioned in my previous letter, the local community does not feel that its concerns are recognised, or worse, that they are recognised but ignored by Fareham Borough Council. To that end, SHUV has prepared a postcard which will be distributed in the vicinity of the proposed Eco-town. The postcards will be signed and sent to you. They, and I, ask you to drop the current plans for the North Fareham SDA.

Yours sincerely

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