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Dear Sir/ Madam

Response by the Home Builders Federation to the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan - Preferred Approach: Strategic Distribution and Logistics Consultation (September 2023)

1. Please find below the Home Builders Federation (HBF) response to the Issues and Options consultation on the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan (GNSP) - Preferred Approach: Strategic Distribution and Logistics Consultation (September 2023). The HBF is the principal representative body of the housebuilding industry in England and Wales and our representations reflect the views of discussions with our membership of national and multinational corporations through to regional developers and small local housebuilders. Our members account for over 80% of all new housing built in England and Wales in any one year.
2. HBF suggest that the strategic distribution and logistics consultation highlights the need for the Greater Nottinghamshire partnership to consider the interaction between employment and housing numbers and the need for a Green Belt review.
3. As the NPPF and PPG acknowledges an increase in the number of jobs can it itself generate a requirement for additional housing. The HBF would request that GNSP partners the Council considers the annual LHN as only the minimum starting point and fully consider all of the issues that may result in a need for a higher housing requirement, including the additional housing need generated by additional jobs providing through strategic distribution.
4. HBF also note that the second preferred site for strategic distribution is located within the Green Belt. HBF would encourage the GNSP partnership to consider what other factors may constitute exception circumstances requiring green belt release and would argue that the current housing crisis and the inability of the City to meet its own needs may provide just such exceptional circumstances to necessitate a Green Belt review, which could then include the consideration of both employment and housing sites.



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5. I trust that the GNSP Councils will find these comments useful as it continues to progress its Strategic Plan, and the LPAs their Local Plans. I would be happy to discuss these issues in greater detail or assist in facilitating discussions with the wider house building industry.
6. The HBF would like to be kept informed of all forthcoming consultations upon the Strategic Plan, Local Plans and associated documents. Please use the contact details provided below for future correspondence.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. H. Danemann". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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