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Dear Mr Stebbing,

FINAL COMMENTS ON BEHALF OF SOUTHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

This letter has been prepared by Squires Planning, on behalf of Southwater Parish Council, in response to the comments made by Thakeham Homes (on 11th March 2020) in respect of the Southwater Neighbourhood Plan.

We do not consider that the Thakeham Homes comments introduce any new or additional matters that have not been discussed at length through the submission documents, previous representations and the examination process. That said, we would like to make the following two points:

1. The comments misinterpret the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), seeking to apply requirements placed on strategic policy makers and Local Planning Authorities in paragraphs 67 & 68 to the relevant authority for preparing a neighbourhood plan.
2. We agree that NPPF paragraph 69 asks neighbourhood planning groups to consider the opportunities for allocating small and medium-sized sites (of a size consistent with paragraph 68a) suitable for housing in their area. This has been done throughout the plan preparation process and is well documented in the submission documents, particularly the Southwater Neighbourhood Plan SA-SEA and the Consultation Statement.

We would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Parish Council, to thank everyone who has participated (including but not limited to those on the Steering Group, residents, landowners, local businesses, land promoters, Horsham District Council and a range of statutory consultees) in the preparation of this plan, from the early engagement exercises through to this examination.

We trust that this letter is helpful and look forward to sight of your Examiners Report in due course.

Yours sincerely,

