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Dear

Housing Delivery Test: Action Plan (Draft)

You may recall that the Government published the Housing Delivery Test (HDT) 2020 measurement on 19 January this year¹. This is a measurement of local housing supply against the Government's set of requirements.

The measurement for Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council was 91%. Whilst this is, overall, a good performance given the wider economic context and the constraints that we encounter, it falls below 95%. As a result, the Council has drafted an Action Plan.

The purposes of this Action Plan are twofold: to understand the issues affecting housing delivery locally, and to identify a set of actions to help boost housing supply. The draft Action Plan is attached to the e-mail you were sent.

The reason I am contacting you today is because we would like your views on the draft Plan, as a relevant stakeholder.

In particular, we would like your views on the set of actions in Table 6, especially those where we have highlighted a role for stakeholders outside of the Council. We welcome your feedback on the individual actions and whether you believe there are other reasonable actions we could consider.

¹ [Housing Delivery Test: 2020 measurement - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/housing-delivery-test-2020-measurement)

The Government expects the Action Plan to be published within 6 months of the publication of the HDT 2020 measurement and we have met this requirement through the draft report presented to our Members at the Planning and Transportation Advisory Board on 29 June. However, we are keen to publish an agreed final Plan as soon as possible. As such, we would be grateful if you could provide us with any comments on the document by 16 July 2021.

Please direct your comments or any questions you may have to Nigel De Wit via nigel.dewit@tmbc.gov.uk.

Thank you, in advance, for your assistance in preparing this Plan.

Yours sincerely

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