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Dear Sir/ Madam

Response by the Home Builders Federation to the Mendip Local Plan Part II Limited Update- Regulation 18, April 2024

1. Thank you for inviting the HBF to comment on the Mendip Local Plan Part II Limited Update- Regulation 18. 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 do not comment on individual sites and as such have no comments on any of the specific proposals in the current consultation. We would however welcome the Council's efforts in addressing this outstanding issue as the delivery of housing is very important, especially as we are in the midst of a housing crisis.
3. HBF welcomes the Council's efforts to ensure that they have an up to Local Plan. Plan-making is a fundamental part of a Local Authority's role and is essential to support the delivery of new homes through up to date policy and site allocations. We would therefore also encourage the Council to continue to progress the much needed new Local Plan for Somerset.
4. The HBF would like to be kept informed of all forthcoming consultations on the Limited Update, the new Local Plan and any other associated documents. Please use the contact details provided below for future correspondence. Please also get in touch if I can be of any assistance in facilitating discussions with the wider house building industry.

Yours faithfully



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