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Dear Sir/ Madam

### **Response by the House Builders Federation to the Thanet Local Plan**

Thank you for consulting the Home Builders Federation (HBF) on the Draft Local Plan. 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.

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In order to provide the necessary clarity and consistency with the approach set out in the written ministerial statement from March 2015, we would suggest this policy is amended to remove reference to the Code for Sustainable Homes. Instead it should refer to the improvement in energy efficiency above current building regulations that would be achieved if level 4 of the CSH were to be achieved. We would therefore suggest part 1 of this policy be amended to read:

- 1) *Where viable achieve a higher standard of energy efficiency the equivalent to a 19% improvement on current building regulations.*

We hope these representations are of assistance in taking the plan forward. Should you require any further clarification on the issues raised in this representation please contact me.

Yours faithfully



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