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Dear Mr. Javid,

RE – LOCAL PLAN INTERVENTION - EASTLEIGH

I have been asked to write to you by the Committee of the Eastleigh Ramblers to request that you intervene in the preparation of the proposed Eastleigh Borough Council Local Plan 2016-2036. As Mims Davies MP is well aware the Borough Council are proposing to allocate land which will expand Bishopstoke and Fair Oak in a northerly direction which we are opposed to as are many residents for a number of grounds: -

- (a) It is proposed to develop an area which is of high landscape value and some of the best countryside in the Borough.
- (b) It is in an area which is much used for recreation and has a good network of rights of way.
- (c) It has the only usable network of bridleways in the Borough.
- (d) The proposed site will adversely impact on a number of woodlands including Stoke Park Woods and Upper Barn Copse owned by the Forestry Commission and the Woodland Trust and managed for public recreation.
- (e) The proposals involve the construction of a road which will lead at its western end to the valley of the River Itchen and the settlement of Allbrook which will have huge environmental consequences for both.
- (f) It will result in a complete alteration to traffic movements in the area which will have huge implications for residents at Allbrook, North Eastleigh and impact on already congested access to the M3 at the western end.
- (g) There have been a number of alternative locations suggested which do not have these adverse impacts and an impartial and independent complete review needs to be undertaken as to where the proposed 6,000 houses should be located in advance of any consideration of the normal Local Plan process.

This letter has been copied to Mims Davies MP for information and sent to both of you by email and post.

Yours sincerely

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