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Dear Leigh,

Following our correspondence, we have considered the evidence you have provided and agree that the Housing Delivery Test score for Lewes District Council should be revised.

You brought to our attention that notwithstanding the partial quashing of policies SP1 and SP2 of the Local Plan Part 1, as they relate to South Downs National Park (Wealden v SSCLG [2017] EWHC 351 (Admin)), Part 1 of the Plan was not quashed as it relates to Lewes District. Using this judgement, this provides a relevant disaggregation of housing requirements inside the National Park (1,177). Based on the information available, we believe this provides a requirement figure which complies with the Housing Delivery Test Rule Book, as it forms part of the adopted plan for Lewes District. It follows that the figures quoted in the legal judgement noted above can be used for the 'homes required' part of the calculation in respect of Lewes (5,723 over the plan period, 286 annual average).

Based on this information above, as the disaggregated Local Plan Part 1 requirement figure is lower than household projections in each of the monitoring years, this results in a requirement of **858** for the period from 2015 to 2018.

As the revised housing requirement for Lewes will now be based on a plan that excludes the National Park the delivery figures will also now be adjusted to remove delivery within the park, (92). **This results in delivery of 709 for the period from 2015 to 2018.**

I am therefore in a position to confirm that Lewes' revised 2018 measurement is as follows:

Number of homes required			Total number of homes required	Number of homes delivered			Total number of homes delivered	Housing Delivery Test: 2018 measurement	Housing Delivery Test: 2018 consequence
2015-16	2016-17	2017-18		2015-16	2016-17	2017-18			
286	286	286	858	257	167	285	709	83%	Buffer

For the avoidance of doubt, this letter supersedes the measurement for your local authority area which was published on 19 February 2019.

The revised Housing Delivery Test measurement for Lewes will take effect upon receipt of this letter. This will remain in place until the next full publication of the Housing Delivery Test measurement. I should also say, that any new housing requirement will be used for the calculation of the Housing Delivery Test from the date that it becomes part of the development plan.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Gallagher', written over the printed name.

Simon Gallagher