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## **Ditching the GMSF could increase housing targets in Stockport**

A new report has revealed that a proposed new Government method for calculating local housing need could result in an 11% rise in Stockport, which equates to 113 more dwellings per year.

A Government consultation has recently taken place on a new standardised method for working out how many new homes local councils should plan to build. Currently, each local area is able to use one of a range of methods, which often leads to planning disputes. Meanwhile, Greater Manchester leaders are currently preparing the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF), a plan that will set housing targets for each GM borough for the next 20 years.

Now a report considered by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) has revealed that the GMSF proposes fewer homes in Stockport than the new Government method would require. As a result, in the event that the GMSF fails to be approved by GM leaders, housebuilding targets in Stockport could increase by as much as 11%.

James Stevens of the Home Builders Federation, speaking on behalf of the Housing the Powerhouse Campaign said:

*“One of the benefits of the GMSF is that it plans for new homes from a Greater Manchester perspective, balancing housing need across the boroughs. Without a GMSF in place, each Greater Manchester borough would be required to default to the new methodology, increasing housing targets in some areas and decreasing targets in others.*”

*“An adopted GMSF will bring stability and certainty for local communities, home builders and house hunters alike, so it is important to get the best possible GMSF in place as soon as possible.”*

On Friday 24 November, the Greater Manchester Combined Authority discussed a report on the Government proposals for a new housing need methodology. The report concludes that the GMCA is broadly supportive of the aims of the consultation and that the new method will support its efforts in producing the next draft of the GMSF.

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## **Notes to Editor**

### **GMCA**

The report discussed on 24<sup>th</sup> November can be found [here](#).

### **Housing the Powerhouse**

Housing the Powerhouse (HtP) is a campaign group that pulls together leading house builders, developers and promoters in Greater Manchester, along with the GM Chamber of Commerce and the Home Builders Federation. HtP supports the GMSF and thinks that the Draft GMSF is a positive step in the right direction. The campaign also thinks it could be more ambitious and an even better tool for unlocking economic and social growth and wellbeing.

More information can be found here: [www.housingthepowerhouse.com](http://www.housingthepowerhouse.com).