

# Section 62A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

## De-designation Notice

On 19 October 2022 the Secretary of State laid before Parliament a document setting out the criteria for designation and de-designation under section 62B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (“the designation criteria”). Neither House of Parliament resolved that the designation criteria should not be approved within the 40-day period referred to in that section.

By reference to the designation criteria mentioned above Fareham Borough Council were designated by the Secretary of State for quality of decision-making for applications for major development with effect from 19 December 2023, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 62A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

In applying the criteria for de-designation mentioned above, the Secretary of State has considered the potential capability of the designated local planning authority to deal effectively with applications for major development in future and the effectiveness of the designated local planning authority in dealing with such applications during the period of its designation.

The Secretary of State is satisfied that the designated local planning authority has provided adequate evidence of sufficient improvement against areas of weakness identified in an initial assessment of its performance. The Council is also no longer eligible for designation based on the most recent data available at the time of decision being the two-year period to 31 March 2023 and subsequent appeal decisions to 31 December 2023.

***Having regard to the designation criteria, the Secretary of State considers that it is appropriate to de-designate Fareham Borough Council with effect from 09.00 on 26 March 2024.***

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations



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