

## Meeting with Michael Gove on housing numbers

I had a meeting with the Secretary of State for Levelling up, who is the senior Minister for Planning. I sought clarification that the new system will allow a Council like Wokingham to settle its own numbers of additional homes to be built in the next local Plan. There will be no override from national estimates or guidance. He stressed the importance of any Council producing a new plan, and confirmed the local ability to set the housing targets, without of course engaging on any detail over the specific Wokingham position.