

## **The South East Plan**

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Conservative parliamentary candidate, Damian Hinds, commented: “The government’s South East Plan demands 654,000 new homes must be built in the region over 20 years. But if there is a change of government, the South East Plan will be shredded. Labour’s ‘Central Planning’ approach simply doesn’t work – and in practice it has delivered less social housing each year than either the Thatcher or Major governments. Instead, under Conservative policies, responsibility will go back to the local level, and local communities will be incentivised, not coerced. East Hampshire has a strong record on the provision of much-needed affordable housing, quite apart from any government targets – and I’m sure that will continue.”