

<b>Report Title:</b> Addendum Report – Motion by Councillor Gabrielle Spray – Government Policy Over Large Housing Plans	
<b>Report to:</b> Council	
<b>Date:</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	<b>For:</b> Debate
<b>Key Decision:</b> No	<b>Decision Planner Ref No:</b> N/A
<b>Motion Presented by:</b>	Councillor Gabrielle Spray
<b>Motion Seconded by:</b>	Councillor Tom Cunningham
<b>Motion Support by:</b>	Councillors Graham Butland, Iona Parker, Frankie Ricci and Peter Schwier
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**1. Constitution Provisions**

- 1.1 Further to the publication of the Agenda, Councillor Gabrielle Spray and Councillor Tom Cunningham as the Proposer and Seconder of the original Motion (as set out on pages 5 and 6 of the Agenda) have accepted an Amendment to the Motion which was proposed by Councillor James Abbott and seconded by Councillor Jo Beavis.

The Amendment was submitted in accordance with Rule 12:20 of Chapter 2 of the Constitution.

In accepting the Amendment, the amended Motion is the Substantive Motion for debate by Full Council and is set out in section 2 below.

For the avoidance of doubt in accepting the Amendment, there is no need for Full Council to debate and vote on the Amendment.

**2. Substantive Motion:**

*“This Council has serious concerns over the Government's plans to limit local council's abilities to refuse planning permission for large housing developments where proposals are inappropriate in planning policy terms.*

*This Council does not agree with the suggested requirement to refer developments over 150 units to the Secretary of State. Whilst not shirking the need to build for the future and progressing its own Local Plan review, Braintree District Council reaffirms its commitment to the importance of local decision making and local democracy, with the purpose of ensuring quality new homes and the best possible mitigations for growth, particularly in upgrading key local services for existing communities.*

*The Council therefore requests that the Leader writes to the Secretary of State requesting an urgent rethink and recommending that the Government acts on tackling developers who fail to build out once granted planning permission. In doing so, those developers undermine the planning system for local authorities such as Braintree District Council, which is an authority meeting its obligations to grant the required levels of planning applications.”*