

Winchfield Neighbourhood Plan

Examiner Note to Hart District Council requesting clarification

The representation made by Barton Willmore on behalf of Gallagher Estates and Barratt Homes raises some key issues about the extent to which the submitted Plan has had regard to national policy. In particular it comments on the changes that were made to Planning Practice Guidance earlier this year.

It would be grateful to have relevant information and your comments on the following matters as part of the examination process:

Housing Land Supply

The extent to which the submitted Plan has taken account of up to date evidence on housing need (41-009-20160211). I recognise that the District Council has already commented to some extent on this matter as part of its own representations on the neighbourhood plan.

Production of the neighbourhood plan

The extent to which the District Council and the Parish Council have discussed and agreed (or otherwise) the relationship between the policies in the adopted local plan, the emerging local plan and the emerging neighbourhood plan (41-009-20160211). Has such an approach been practicable before the publication of a draft plan and in the context of the ongoing debate on refined options for delivering housing growth?

Responsiveness to the updates to Planning Practice Guidance

The extent to which the Parish Council has either been aware or has been made aware of the various changes to PPG since 11 February 2016.

Current timetable for the production of the emerging Local Plan

Plainly I am examining the submitted neighbourhood plan against the adopted/saved local plan. However, I would find it helpful to understand your current anticipated timetable for the production of the emerging local plan and the extent to which it relates to paragraph 2.1 of the Gallagher/Barratt submission. In particular does the 5th revision to the LDS remain as your current thinking?

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