

EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

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INSPECTOR'S MATTERS, ISSUES, AND QUESTIONS: ADDITIONAL WRITTEN QUESTIONS

VERSION 1

Following the adjournment of the hearings on the 26th of September 2018, the Council and I agreed that it would be appropriate that Questions 53 and 54 of Matter 11 and questions 78 and 79 of Matter 20 should be pursued through additional written questions, rather than through a formal hearing session.

Those who have previously provided duly made related representations, together with the Council, should provide written responses, via the Programme Officer, by 5 pm on the 4th of December 2018.

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Matter 11: Strengthening communities

Issue 1: Whether the Local Plan has been positively prepared and whether it is justified, effective and consistent with national policy in relation to the approach towards the provision of housing and affordable housing?

1. In the interests of effectiveness, and to be consistent with national policy, are the opening two paragraphs of LP6 clear that there is a need to cater for all forms of housing, including the provision of pitches for both those choosing to reside in caravans and houseboats either on a nomadic or permanent basis?
2. Is the phrase, '*Homes for Permanent Caravan dwellers/ Park homes*', within Policy LP6 sufficiently unambiguous?
3. With reference to the penultimate paragraph of the Council's response to my question 53, please expand on what is meant by the reference to, '*simply buy/rent a caravan from the open market,...*'. Would this mean that the Council condones caravans being occupied on a permanent basis without planning permission?
4. Is the Council satisfied that the needs of former gypsy and travellers and other members of the community would be adequately served by mainstream Park Homes and other facilities for the permanent siting of caravans?

Matter 20: Implementation, delivery and monitoring

Issue 1: Does the Local Plan have clear and effective mechanisms, for implementation, delivery and monitoring?

5. Are there clear targets linked to the individual policies of the Local Plan? Are these measureable and realistic? For example, is the target '*no permissions are granted contrary to policy*¹', appropriate? Are the associated trigger points transparent? What remedial action will take place if the targets of the individual policies are not met?
6. To ensure that the policies of the plan are effective should the targets and monitoring framework be contained within the development plan?

¹ Matter 20, Figure 1, Appendix 1, Ashley 1.