



Gladman Developments Ltd

East Cambridgeshire Local Plan Examination

Matter 20 – Implementation, Delivery and Monitoring

Issue 1: Whether the approach towards the supply and delivery of housing land is justified, effective and consistent with national policy?

Q78. Does the Local Plan have clear and effective mechanisms for implementation, delivery and monitoring?

Gladman do not believe that the Local Plan has a clear and effective mechanism for monitoring and review. The Local Plan does not include a specific policy in relation to a Local Plan Review.

Paragraph 2.3.2 of the Proposed Submission Version of the Local Plan states “*if there is an insufficient supply of land, or other targets are not being met it may be necessary to carry out a review of the Local Plan.*” Whilst Gladman support this acknowledgement within the supporting text that the Council may find themselves in a position where they need to undertake a review of the Local Plan, Gladman believe that the Local Plan should include a specific policy with regards to triggers and timescales for the Local Plan Review and that this policy should also impose consequences if these timescales are not met.

The review policy within the Plan would need to be clear, easily understandable and effective, by setting achievable targets for the completion of the review. Specifically the triggers for the review need to be meaningful, have teeth and contain an end date that is in the control of the Local Planning Authority. The policy should also include consequences for failing to meet target dates.

Gladman refer to the North West Leicestershire Local Plan (adopted November 2017) as an example of an effective and implementable review policy. Policy S1 states:

“The Council will continue to work collaboratively with the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area (HMA) authorities to establish the scale and distribution of any additional provisions that may be necessary in North West Leicestershire and elsewhere in the HMA as a result of the inability of one or more authority to accommodate its own needs as identified in the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment.”

The District will commence a review of this Local Plan (defined as being the publication of an invitation to make representations in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulation 2012) by the end of January 2018 or within 3 months of the adoption of this Local Plan (whichever is the later). The Plan Review will be submitted for examination within two years from the commencement of the review. In the event that the reviewed plan is not submitted within the two years then this Local Plan will be deemed out of date.”

Gladman believe that the East Cambridgeshire Local Plan should include an additional policy within the Local Plan in light of the above comments and example policy. Ensuring and effective review policy is in place is of fundamental importance.

Q79. Are all the policies of the plan which have geographical application clearly and consistently shown on the Policies Map?

Gladman have no specific comments in response to this question.