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From: PlanningPolicy <PlanningPolicy@eastcambs.gov.uk>
Sent: 06 September 2019 07:50
To: Andy Brand
Subject: RE: Draft Witchford Neighbourhood Plan housing figure

Dear Andy

The current adopted Local Plan 2015 makes no allocations for Witchford and identifies no specific target for it. Clearly, the Local Plan 2015 pre-dates the new NPPF and its requirement to provide a housing requirement figure for NAs.

Earlier this year, Witchford Parish Council requested ECDC supply it with an indicative housing requirement figure to inform its draft plan.

Whilst the Local Plan forms the starting point for providing an indicative housing figure, in the case of Witchford the figure supplied by ECDC principally reflects net commitment from sites with planning permission at 01 April 2018. This figure is justified as this level of development has been tested through the planning system, and found to be suitable, by virtue of those sites having been granted planning permission. By exceeding the Local Plan 2015 requirement, the indicative housing requirement will make a significant contribution to meeting local housing need.

Kind regards

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Dear Sir or Madam

I have noted, in page 23 of the Consultation Draft Witchford Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2031, the housing figure of 252 dwellings and understand that this has been provided by the District Council.

Please can you provide a breakdown/methodology as to how this figure was derived?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards

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