

EXAMINATION OF THE EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL PLAN – SINGLE ISSUE REVIEW

Hearing Statement prepared by CODE Development Planners on behalf of
Bennett Homes

Matter 2: Provision for housing

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1. The Plan Period

Q11: The amended Policy GROWTH1 would cover the period to 2031, and consequently will not look ahead over a minimum of 15 years from adoption as per NPPF paragraph 22. What is the justification for this, and is the Plan positively prepared in this regard?

- 1.1 CODE would invite the inspector to consider section 2.4 of their regulation 19 representations, and paragraphs 2.4.1 to 2.5.2

2. The housing requirement – overall approach

Q12: The Plan seeks to apply a housing requirement in two parts, derived from the past delivery of housing from the base date of the local plan to date, and thereafter applying the outcome of the standard method for the remainder of the plan period. Is the approach set out in the Plan justified, positively prepared, consistent with national policy and would it be effective?

- 2.1 CODE would invite the inspector to consider section 2.2 of their regulation 19 representations, and paragraphs 2.2.1 to 2.2.5.

3. The housing requirement 2022-2031. Calculation of local housing need using the standard method

Q14: Is there any substantive evidence to demonstrate that it would be appropriate to plan for a higher housing need figure than the standard method indicates in this case as per advice set out in the PPG (Paragraph: 010 Reference ID: 2a-010-20201216)?

- 3.1 CODE would invite the inspector to consider section 2.3 of their regulation 19 representations, and paragraphs 2.3.1 to 2.3.3.

Q15: Is there any substantive evidence to demonstrate that there should be an adjustment to the minimum housing requirement to help deliver affordable housing as per the advice in the PPG (Paragraph: 024 Reference ID: 2a-024- 20190220)?

- 3.2 CODE would invite the inspector to consider section 2.2 of their regulation 19 representations, and paragraphs 2.2.1 to 2.2.5.

4. The housing requirement 2011-2022 and dealing with past under-supply

Q18: What is the justification for basing the first part of the dwelling requirement upon completions to date in the plan period?

- 4.1 CODE would invite the inspector to consider section 2.2 of their regulation 19 representations, and paragraphs 2.2.1 to 2.2.5.



Q19: Does the Plan as proposed as a minimum, provide for objectively assessed needs for housing for the period 2011 to 2022, and is the proposed approach set out in the Plan consistent with national policy?

- 4.2 CODE would invite the inspector to consider sections 2.2 to 2.6 of their regulation 19 representations and all sub paragraphs.

Q20: Given that the base date of the Plan has not been changed to that of the standard method calculation, which is proposed to be applied over the remaining part of the plan period, should past under delivery of housing in the plan period to date (measured against the adopted Local Plan) be taken into account in establishing the housing requirement for the remainder of the plan period in the amended Policy GROWTH1 (See PPG Paragraph: 011 Reference ID: 2a-011-20190220)?

- 4.3 CODE would invite the inspector to consider section 2.2 of their regulation 19 representations, and paragraphs 2.2.1 to 2.2.5 and paragraphs 5.1 and 5.2 (including bullet points) in the conclusions section.