

# Mid Sussex Site Allocations DPD Examination (Matter 3)

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**On behalf of** Whitehall Homes LLP

## Issue 3.6 Additional Sites

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This statement is prepared on behalf of Whitehall Homes LLP ('Whitehall'). Whitehall are promoting the 'Swallows Yard' site in Albourne (a Category 3 'Medium Sized Village') for a sustainable development of c.38 to 45 homes. This site is not currently proposed as an allocation in the submitted 'Site Allocations DPD'. Representations were previously made to the Regulation 19 consultation in September 2020 (Respondent ID: 1842). On the 28<sup>th</sup> April, a request was made to the PO for Whitehall to attend the hearing session on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

These representations have been prepared in accordance with the 'Inspector's Examination Guidance Note' (ID-03). Separate statements have therefore been prepared for each issue.

### **Bearing in mind the above considerations, and the requirement of paragraphs 67 and 68 of the Framework, should the Plan identify an increased number of specific, deliverable sites in the form of housing allocations?**

- 1.1 Yes. The Site Allocations DPD is currently not positively prepared, is not effective, nor is it justified in respect of meeting housing needs. As set out in our responses to other issues as part of Matter 3, more specific deliverable sites in the form of housing allocations should be identified as part of this plan. This is to ensure the District Plan requirement (Policy DP4) is met and to ensure the plan is sufficiently flexibility to adapt to rapid change.
- 1.2 We would recommend sites sufficient to provide at least a 10% buffer is identified. These new sites should first be sourced in Category 3 Settlements (Medium Sized Villages) outside the AONB; such as our client's site 'Swallows Yard' in Albourne.
- 1.3 The reasons why more sites need to be allocated is because of insufficient flexibility<sup>1</sup>, there is an imbalance of supply (in terms of the settlement category and within the AONB)<sup>2</sup>, the evidence suggests the Council are going to need more sites to demonstrate a rolling 5YHLS<sup>3</sup>, and the Council's current and future reliance on windfalls<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Please see our response to Matter 3, Issue 3.1 (i)

<sup>2</sup> Please see our response to Matter 3, Issue 3.2 (i)

<sup>3</sup> Please see our response to Matter 3, Issue 3.4 for more information

<sup>4</sup> Please see our response to Matter 3, Issue 3.5 for more information