

Inspector's response to MS09

I should like to thank the Council for publishing MS12 (Post Hearings Site Selection Methodology Review) following Week 2 of the hearings. I will consider this further after reviewing any representations on the subject following the deadline of Friday 13 March.

I should also like to thank the Council for its prompt response to my questions about the submitted Local Plan's development management policies. I am content with the suggested modifications set out in the Council's document MS08 as amended by document MS09 and have no further comments.

The Council are going to look into some other issues as a result of matters that came up in the hearings in Week 1. These are:

- The re-assessment of the housing requirement overall, and its trajectory, having regard to unmet housing needs. This will involve the identification of further housing allocations.
- The adjustment of the LHN for 2023-2025.
- The calculation of the windfall element of housing supply (bearing in mind that sites should be identifiable) taking into account a realistic assessment of past performance, whether certain trends such as office to residential conversions are likely to continue at the same level, and a realistic review of the capacity study which recognises development impediments and difficulties.
- The level of affordable housing sought on sites close to Crawley.
- An alternative approach towards the provision of plots for custom and self-build homes that reflects the scale of identified need.
- An alternative approach to accessibility that reflects national policy.
- A reappraisal of the approach towards business and industrial land. This would contain additions to the supporting text on logistics, locational criteria, a recognition of the matching of need and supply, and the potential need to alter scenario 3 and business provision in response to a raised housing requirement.