

ARUN LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

Date: 9 April 2018

To: Neil Crowther, Group Head of Planning

Dear Mr Crowther

Arun Local Plan Examination

At the hearings I recall that it was agreed that it would be logical that Ford should have a Built-Up Boundary. This was on the basis that all the settlements with strategic allocations have built-up boundaries other than Ford. At the moment Ford does not have a village heart as much of its 'built-up' area comprises the prison complex and industrial estates. However, the allocations at Ford and Climping provide a quantum of housing and a community hub so that the settlement will take on the character of a large village and have the scale of development to justify a built-up boundary.

As a consequence of the above the Policies Maps would need to be revised to show a built-up boundary for Ford including the strategic allocations at both Ford (SD8) and Climping (SD10). This change would be incorporated in the Schedule as MM63. This does give rise to one obvious consequence - the Ford Built-Up boundary would be contiguous with that of Yapton and submerge Climping leading to an overall built-up area of significant scale. I am conscious that this change was not included in the consultation on the MMs although in practice it would make little difference if the strategic allocations are found sound. Moreover, MM35 includes a criterion seeking visual separation between Ford/Yapton and Climping/Ford. Therefore, no party would be likely to be prejudiced.

Please could the Council confirm its understanding that this MM would be taken forward.'

If you require any clarification on these points please contact me through the Programme Officer.

Yours sincerely

Mark Dakeyne

INSPECTOR

Inspector: Mark Dakeyne BA (Hons) MRTPI