

## **Inspectors Queries – 27/11/17**

### **Further Documentation and Evidence**

***I note that the Inspector's report into the examination of the Adur Local Plan was published on 29 September 2017 and that the Council intend to adopt the Plan in December 2017. Are there any implications from this progress for the contents of the Arun LP?***

There are no implications from the publication of the Inspectors report into the examination of the Adur Local Plan for the contents of the Arun Local Plan. The report notes at paragraph 16 that a Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed between Adur, Worthing and Arun Council's which summarises the co-operation that is taking place and confirms that active and diligent co-operation will continue.

In addition, it notes that the Duty to Co-operate Statement refers to the workshops that have been held, to Member and Officer meetings to discuss cross-boundary matters that have been arranged and to the Local Strategic Statement that has been prepared through the Strategic Planning Board.

The Inspector notes that there is no reason to doubt that engagement between the interested parties will continue to take place and that they are satisfied overall that where necessary the Council has engaged constructively, actively and on an on-going basis in the preparation of the Plan and that the duty to co-operate has been met. They are also satisfied that the Council is committed to continuing to engage and co-operate with all the relevant bodies in the longer term.

With regards to housing, the Inspector notes that the Adur District Council recognises that their shortfall is significant but that it is committed to the monitoring and review of housing delivery and to seeking a way forward with its neighbours, particularly with regard to meeting housing need. As you are aware, part of the housing strategy for the Arun Local Plan, is to provide a contribution to the unmet housing needs which exist within the wider Housing Market Area within which Adur and Arun Districts fall.

***The Government's 'Planning for the right homes in the right places – Consultation Proposals' were published before the examination hearings and referred to during the hearings. Do the Council consider that there are any implications arising from this consultation document for the contents of the Arun LP?***

The Government's 'Planning for the right homes in the right places: consultation proposals' was published for consultation before the examination hearings. This consultation seeks views on a number of changes to planning policy and legislation in a number of areas. These areas are: the proposed approach to calculating the local housing need; Duty to Cooperate Statement of Common Ground; planning for a mix of housing needs; Neighbourhood Planning; the proposed approach to viability assessment; and planning fees.

The Arun District Council response was discussed and approved as item 6 at the Local Plan Sub-committee on 30/10/2017. The Government is currently analysing any feedback. As it is at consultation stage, the Council is not proposing any modifications to the Arun Local Plan in light of the consultation proposals. Once any changes come into force following the consultation, the Council will review the necessity to amend the Local Plan through a review of the relevant policies.