

## **Examination of the Milton Keynes Borough Council**

### **SITE ALLOCATIONS PLAN DPD**

#### **PC2 – Inspector Guidance on the role of the Site Allocations Document and Matters to be covered during the Hearing Sessions**

It has been argued by some parties, in their responses to my draft Matters, Issues and Questions, that the housing requirement for the Borough should increase and that the Council cannot demonstrate a five-year housing land supply. On reflection, the wording of my draft Matter 2 Question 3 may have elicited such points, but it was set in the clear context of the Core Strategy requirement. Thus, to be clear, neither of these are matters for me to address in the context of a site allocations development plan document examination. I have excised Matter 2 Question 3 accordingly as, in any case, it effectively reiterated the issues already raised in Matter 2 Question 2.

Whether or not the Council can demonstrate a five-year housing land supply is for the Council to justify, as necessary, at appeals.

Turning to the housing requirement, the Courts have been clear that there is no requirement for a site allocations development plan document, contributing to a housing requirement agreed elsewhere, to address also the question of whether further housing provision should be made. Thus, these Hearings will not be the arena to consider whether the overall Borough housing requirement should be higher. That matter was determined at Core Strategy stage and will, no doubt, be addressed through the emerging PlanMK.

My interest lies only in the role of the SAP in relation to housing delivery, in the context of the Core Strategy, which will be addressed under Matter 2, and its proposed contribution to housing delivery in the context of the Core Strategy's adopted requirement.

Representors should be mindful of these points and may wish to consider, in the light of them, whether they still feel it necessary to attend the Hearings given that I do not wish to hear discussion on the housing requirement or five-year housing land supply.

Finally, in the light of David Locke Associates' response, I consider it necessary to examine SAP19 in more detail and have amended the Matters, Issues and Questions document accordingly.