

Response to 5 Year Housing Supply Consultation : 12.00 noon, Wednesday 11 March 2015

PLEASE NOTE MINOR AMENDMENT IN PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH

Madam,

Thank you for inviting comments from those who attended your Hearings regarding Policy SS3. Here for Hereford is pleased to note that the Council now appear to have a 5 yr HLS ready for application on adoption of the Core Strategy.

The other elements requested by the Inspector for the purposes of this Consultation – namely the annualised trajectory and the appendix describing the linkage between the strategic sites and infrastructure delivery – have not been provided by the Council, nor have the revised household projections been taken into account.

The Council has not answered the Inspector's question about how differing age groups are being catered for.

There is grave uncertainty over the appropriate classifications of 5,300 new homes to the Rural Areas, and how the lack of infrastructure provision in many of these areas will impact on the distribution of housing sites, however small.

Confusion over settlement boundaries, particularly with regard to the strategic sites around the urban fringe of Hereford, risks adding to the challenges facing the release of land for residential development.

Examination of **the CIL Charging Schedule** has yet to take place, and, after successful examination, the CIL is **scheduled to be adopted some twelve months after the Core Strategy**.

These delays imperil the successful roll out of the 5 yr HLS.

Here for Hereford looks forward to commenting on the Technical Consultation regarding household projections, scheduled for 18 – 27 March, and on the Main Modifications, scheduled for 19 March to 30 April 2015.

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