



16 July 2018

Dear Mr Bryan

I write to confirm that your note of the 10th July 2018 has been loaded, as requested, on to the KDBH Neighbourhood Forum web site at kdbh-np.org.

We acknowledge that your questions are directed to Solihull Council on a without prejudice basis. However, for the avoidance of doubt, the Neighbourhood Forum wishes to state that it is opposed to the deletion of Policy H1 for the following reasons:

- There is no related issue of general conformity with the adopted Solihull Local Plan (SLP).
- The emerging SLP cannot be regarded as being at an advanced stage. Latest indications suggest that adoption will not take place until later in 2020.
- We regard the emerging SLP as fundamentally flawed (and will be submitting representations accordingly); the proposed provision in KDBH would be disproportionate.
- The figures in the Neighbourhood Plan are supported by our own up-to-date Housing Needs Survey, as referenced in our note of June 2018. A proportionate contribution to housing need would be made.
- The emerging SLP does not take into account the findings of the Greater Birmingham HMA Strategy Growth Study (dated February 2018 ie *after* publication of the Consultation Version of the replacement SLP). The Study contains options (including a new settlement around Balsall Common and expansion south of Birmingham Airport and NEC) that have not yet been evaluated by the Council but could fundamentally affect the scale of future KDBH housing allocations.
- Policy H1 allows for allocations of about 500 houses + 51 houses on the two named sites + windfall housing at an on-going rate.
- In any event, Policy H1 allows for a scale of housing that will reflect the outcome of the SLP review process.

The Council has suggested a series of other modifications to the NP. Where these relate to typographical or other relatively minor changes (such as those referred to in paragraphs 1.29 to 1.35 of the consultation response) the NF would raise no objections. As regards other suggested modifications, the NF does not consider these are essential to meeting the basic conditions test. We would be pleased to respond to any further questions you may have on these matters.

Yours sincerely

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