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Dear Inspector

Re: Examination of the Erewash Core Strategy Review

Thank you for your letter of 4 September 2024 which usefully sets out the steps that would need to be taken within the next six months for the examination of the Erewash Core Strategy Review to continue. The Council would like to confirm that we intend to complete those tasks by that deadline, which we take to be Monday 3 March 2025. Please advise if this is not a correct interpretation of your request to us.

Our proposed workplan to address your concerns is as follows:

- To recommend a modification to the Core Strategy Review to separate out into two separate policies (a) the settlement hierarchy informed by sustainability appraisal for prioritising the location of development, from (b) the growth strategy resulting from the actual capacity of those settlements, which are both currently combined in Strategic Policy 1.
- To carry out sustainability appraisal of all the housing objection sites under the previously applied 200 home threshold, and of the objection employment site adjacent Junction 25 of the M1.
- To carry out a systematic evaluation of the whole Erewash Green Belt against the five purposes of the Green Belt established in the NPPF (this work was already envisaged by the Council in response to the 2024 draft changes to the NPPF).
- To assess the impact of developing each of the proposed and objection sites on the Green Belt in accordance with the findings of the systematic evaluation detailed above.

- To document the process by which the findings of the sustainability appraisal, including the locational priorities for the location of development, and the site specific Green Belt Assessments, informs the selection of sites allocated for development.
- Following the process above, to recommend main modifications to allocate sufficient additional sites, including small sites where appropriate, to provide a sufficiently flexible 5 year land supply, and any other sites as necessary to meet the land supply for the whole plan period against the current identified need of 386 homes per year.
- To illustrate the effect of the proposed allocations and other sources of housing supply in a new housing trajectory re-based to the housing supply position at March 2024, and extending to 2041 (15 years from the anticipated date of adoption in 2026), specifying separately which elements of supply are:
 - under construction,
 - have full planning permission,
 - have only outline planning permission,
 - are allocated,
 - are unallocated, and
 - are anticipated from windfall.
- To provide further transport evidence to justify the allocation of the housing site by Strategic Policy 1.3 Acorn Way.
- To document the process by which the Strategic Green Corridors in Strategy Policy 5 Green infrastructure were defined.
- To recommend further modifications to the Core Strategy Review to;
 - Remove from Strategic Policies 1.3 Acorn Way and 1.4 North of Spondon the locational requirement for the use of education contributions.
 - Remove from the Proposals Map and the supporting text to Strategic Policy 1.5 South West of Kirk Hallam proposals to extend the Green Belt.
- To publish a new Local Development Scheme to reflect the above

Again, we would be most grateful if you could advise if this is sufficient work to address your concerns.

Yours sincerely



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