

Huntingdonshire Local Plan Examination Hearings

**Matter 4 – Overall provision for housing
Thursday 19 July 2018 9.30am**

AGENDA

- 1. The wider Cambridge Housing Market Area (HMA)**
 - Justification for updating the Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) for Huntingdonshire rather than the wider HMA
 - Implications for other authorities
 - Potential unmet needs?

- 2. Methodology of 2017 OAN update**
 - Overview of methodology and steps in process
 - Appropriateness of methodology in principle

- 3. Demographic led figure**
 - 2014 based household projections
 - Alternative migration trends and justification for not using them
 - Household formation rates
 - evidence of issue with suppression of household formation rates for younger age groups?
 - justification for not making any adjustment?
 - alternative approaches e.g. mid-point of 2008 and 2014 based projections?
 - Other factors which may justify adjusting the projection?
 - Alternative demographic starting points

- 4. Economic/jobs growth**
 - Explanation of jobs growth forecast used and other assumptions/evidence e.g. commuting rates, unemployment, activity rates, working age population
 - Justification for use of the above
 - Effect of Alconbury Enterprise Zone on jobs growth and how taken into account
 - Explanation of how uplift of 4% has been calculated
 - Alternative forecasts, evidence and assumptions
 - Overall justification for uplift and alternative figures

- 5. Market signals**
 - Overview of evidence across various indicators
 - Justification for 5% uplift
 - Alternative figures put forward and basis for them
 - Principle of absorbing uplift for economic/jobs growth within this

- 6. Overview of OAN**
 - Is figure of 20,100 dwellings/804 per year appropriate and justified?
 - Alternative figures and justification for them

7. Local Plan requirement/provision

- Increase to assist delivery of more affordable housing?
- Comparison with past trends
- Consistency between housing provision and jobs growth/employment land provision