Independent Examination of the Lewes District Council Local Plan
Part 2

Further questions and comments to the Council

Regarding the 5-year land supply

Thursday 4 April 2019

1. Clearly I need to take a view on the likelihood of the six large sites which were discussed yesterday (3 April) coming forward within 5 years, especially 50 completions at Newhaven Marina.

2. The windfall allowance on table 5 of CD061, at 114 dwellings, averages 22.8 dpa. If the supply of windfalls is remaining strong, as evidenced in table 15 of the Council’s Matter 3 statement, would not a continuation at the same rate i.e. 289 dwellings, be reasonable?

3. CD061 is silent on rural exceptions. What is the Council’s response to CPRE’s assertion that 6 dwellings are to be considered by the Council on 24 April?

4. What is the Council’s response to Savills’ comment that the former Newlands School site at Seaford will be fully developed within 5 years?

5. CPRE commented that 200 ‘aspiration homes’ will be developed within 5 years. Does the Council agree with this figure and if so, should it replace the LDC owned land figure of 26 dwellings, with a higher ‘aspirational homes’ figure on table of CD061?

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