

written statement for

Matter 4 subjects

Tuesday 15 June am

Methodology for selecting housing allocations (1)

Paragraph 6.2.13 states that the housing allocations included in the Plan were selected taking into account sustainability principles and a number of specified criteria. The Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal informed the site selection process.

Q4.3. Was the approach to selecting the housing allocations in the Plan justified and consistent with national policy and guidance? Strategic and non-strategic housing allocations The Council's response to PQ25 proposes a main modification to policy H2 to clarify which housing allocations are "strategic" and which are "non-strategic".

From what I have seen the housing selection looks to have been driven by an aspirational jobs forecast back in 2016 and not in line with both ONS projections and NPP, not to mention House builders looking to make substantial money from this development as can be seen from today's attendance.

The entire economic landscape has changed since DBC's predictions back in 2016 and has been suggested by numerous people and groups a review is maybe required now following the events of the last five years. Existing housing outline planning consents (possibly around 1900) that have not been constructed. Not only will this action stop land banking but should enable appropriate growth for the foreseeable future until 2025 against a 5 year requirement of less than 1000 (DBC 5 year supply statement 2020) on top of the current construction which is ongoing giving the opportunity to update and refresh the plan with much more realistic figures for both net jobs and housing.