



Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan Examination – Hearing Statement

Matter 5 – Specific Housing Needs and Generic Housing Policies

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This hearing statement follows previous representations to the emerging Local Plan and responds to the Inspector's Question 3.2: 'Is the criterion within Policy H1 relating to the conversion of rural buildings (Section 5) d) consistent with national policy?'

2. Response to Hearing Matters, Issues & Questions

- 2.1 We maintain our previous representations where we stated that proposed Policy H1 (Section 5) d) is not consistent with national policy. The draft policy remains significantly more restrictive than Paragraph 90 of The Framework and this should be addressed through the previously suggested revisions.
- 2.2 Although it is acknowledged that the Local Plan submission will be examined under the 2012 Framework as per the transitional provisions, it is noted that in the 2018 Framework, the wording of the equivalent paragraph 146 d) is identical to former paragraph 90 (bullet 4). Therefore our representation is that the draft policy is not only contrary to the previous Framework but also the revised Framework.

3. Attendance at Hearing

- 3.1 We confirm that we wish to attend Session 5 of the examination to discuss this matter with the relevant parties.