

## STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

Date: 29 January 2019

To: Dai Lerner, Executive Director - Place

Dear Mr Lerner,

### Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan Examination

Thank you for your letter dated 17 January 2019. I respond to the matters requiring clarification below.

I can confirm that I considered the contents of SD 13.2 and SD 22.8 and the planning issues relating to the BDNEW and other sites in and around Biddulph in arriving at my post hearing advice. Many of the issues were raised in statements and representations and discussed at the hearings. I also visited the BDNEW site and others in and around the town.

I acknowledge that the National Planning Policy Framework does not require that local plans identify a supply of sites for years 11-15 of its life. In this respect the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan is not likely to be found 'unsound' on the basis that specific sites to meet the requirement are not identified for the whole of the plan period. The requirement within the 2018 Framework<sup>1</sup> to review policies and strategies within a local plan every five years to see if they need updating is also relevant to this issue. That said Green Belt boundaries should endure beyond the current plan period. The Green Belt boundaries established by this plan should have permanence in the long term. This is relevant in considering how the longer-term development needs of Biddulph and its environs are to be met.

I trust that the above is helpful but if you require any further clarification let me know.

Yours sincerely

*Mark Dakeyne*

INSPECTOR

Inspector: Mark Dakeyne BA (Hons) MRTPI

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<sup>1</sup> Paragraph 32