

Inspector response to Mr Stuart Andrew MP

Mr Stuart Andrew MP has asked the following questions of the Inspector on behalf of the Aireborough Neighbourhood Development Forum:

1. When the 35% uplift comes into play for Leeds given they have an up-to-date housing requirement as at Sept 2019?
2. Why this hearing is under NPPF 2012?

My response is as follows:

1) The Matters Issues and Questions (MIQs) emerge from the plan, the High Court Judgement, the Council's proposed changes and evidence, and representations on the proposed changes. Therefore, all the MIQs including the question about the 35% uplift are to ensure fairness and openness at the Examination and to aid discussions at the Hearings.

All matters will be fully aired at the hearings. The MIQs and matters discussed at the hearings is without prejudice to any final decision the Inspector reaches on the soundness of the Remitted Part of the Leeds Site Allocation Plan.

2) Regarding the compliance with the 2012 National Planning Policy Framework, this was the basis for the original examination of the Site Allocations Plan (SAP) and was also used in the High Court Judgement. Any modifications recommended by the Inspector to ensure soundness should be on a consistent basis. Nevertheless, the Inspector will hear views on this at the Hearings and an item discussing the National Planning Policy Framework has been added to the agenda for the 14 September AM Hearing session accordingly.

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