

EXAMINATION OF THE BASINGSTOKE & DEANE BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN 2011-2029

EXPLORATORY MEETING

BOYER ON BEHALF OF BASINGSTOKE GOLF CLUB

Topic 2 Housing Need (paragraphs 2.1 & 2.2)

We support the principle of policy SS1 although consider that a minor alteration is required to bring the policy more in line with the soundness guidance set out in paragraph 182 of the National Planning Policy Framework(NPPF) and, in particular, the “positively prepared” test.

The requirement to provide 13,464 should be expressed as a minimum requirement to meet the needs of the district, as opposed to the current wording which suggests the number is a cap. The potential to exceed this number should be recognised within the policy text.

We suggest the wording should be amended to:-

“Within the period 2011-2029, the Local Plan will make provision to meet at least 13,464 dwellings and associated infrastructure”.

Topic 3 Other Housing Issues (paragraphs 2.3-2.8)

We consider that policy CN1 in its current form is unsound as it is not consistent with national policy or justified.

To ensure this part of the local plan is sound, we consider that policy CN1 should be amended as follows:-

The Council will require the provision of affordable housing on all sites of 5 or more net residential units in line with the following:-

- Basingstoke: 30%
- Elsewhere in the Borough: 40%