

Further to my previous question relating to para. 2.1, regarding 'objective assessment of housing need', the undated response from the Borough Council to the Inspectors concerns, made available to the public on Tuesday 2nd December, stated that a contingency of 1080 dwellings was included in the Plan.

This was not in the Pre Submission Local Plan dated April 2014 which was presented to the public for consultation in May / June 2014.

It is considered paramount that the specific details of the contingency sites, including location and yield, are included in the Local plan to comprehend what comprises the total figure of homes and to enable the public to consider any sites that are not allocated within the 11 allocated sites or sites which the Borough Council response says have already been identified as alternative sites based on SHLAA version 9. Therefore it is requested that the 'alternative sites' should be listed in the Local Plan because otherwise the general public will not know of them or have the opportunity to comment on them as if they had been part of a prior public consultation.

The words 'Contingency' and 'Buffer' are not included or defined in the Local Plan Glossary. Therefore it is requested that the Plan needs to clarify whether the Buffer is included in the contingency figure.

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