

# Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan Exploratory Meeting

## Middleton & Portway Estates

**2.4 Regarding the SHMA and LP housing requirements, whilst there appears to be a loose fit between the range of housing requirements (550-1080dpa) in the SHMA and Table 9 in the Edge document, again there is no obvious explanation for selecting the LP housing requirement, which is somewhat close to the lower than the upper figure. This needs to be more transparent.**

- 1 It is agreed that greater transparency is required in order to properly critique the decision to adopt the 748 dpa figure. For example, we note that the Housing Topic Paper [Examination Document TP01] sets out the justification for selecting the LP housing requirement, and specifically paragraphs 4.34-4.36 refer to key Member decisions in the preparation of the Plan. However, this statement does not refer to the revised annual housing requirement of 807 dwellings per annum which was presented to the Planning and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny (P&IOSCOM) on 30 January 2014.
- 2 The revised housing figure of 807 dpa was presented by Council officers following the publication of updated analysis produced by Edge Analytics which was based on newly available economic activity data (Census 2011) and unemployment assumptions. Nevertheless, the P&IOSCOM did not agree with the revised housing figure and Cabinet resolved to continue to pursue the lower housing figure of 748 dpa.
- 3 On this basis, it is evident that the LP housing figure of 748 dpa is not justified.