

New Forest National Park Local Plan Examination Hearings

Matter 4 – Objectively Assessed Need and the Housing Requirement

Wednesday 7 November 9.30am

AGENDA

Objectively Assessed Need

1. Geographical scope of OAN report 2017

- Justification for not assessing need on HMA wide basis
- Data sources and how they relate to the National Park area
- Areas in National Park but outside New Forest District

2. Demographic starting point

- Issues with 2014 based population/household projections
- Justification for the alternative approach used i.e. 10 year population trend
- Assumptions on migration
- Assumptions on household growth
- Overall justification for demographic starting point
- Figures if using 2014 based household projections
- Figures if using 2016 based household projections

3. Economic/jobs growth

- Justification for approach used
- Evidence in terms of economic/jobs growth trends and forecasts
- Implications for economy/jobs and working age/economically active population

4. Market signals

- Data on market signals and trends
- Basis for 15% uplift

5. Affordable housing

- Should the OAN/Housing requirement be increased to assist delivering more affordable housing?
- Does the 15% uplift address this issue sufficiently?
- What role do policy mechanisms in the Local Plan play in delivering increased proportion of affordable housing?

6. Overview of OAN

- Is the OAN for the study area and specifically the National Park area justified?
- Is there a basis to arrive at a different figure and if so, what?

Housing Requirement

7. SHLAA

- Methodology and process
- Initial site selection
- Criteria for assessing potential sites – factors and constraints
- Results of assessment and how this has fed into the Local Plan

8. Justification for and consequences of not meeting the OAN

- Factors taken into account
- Is there robust evidence that all potential housing land has been considered and that the supply of such land has been maximised?
- Implications for National Park of not meeting OAN
- Implications for other authorities
- Overall is this approach justified?