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?