

NHDC Council Meeting 8th October

Amendment to Motion:

(amendment in italics)

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Having regard to the advanced stage of the Local Plan and the delay in housing delivery occasioned by the time that has elapsed since the beginning of the plan period, the council believes that in respect of the proposed allocation of housing sites in the Local Plan ~~should be reduced to reflect this reduction in projected need and instructs officers to convey this to the Inspector as soon as possible and carry out any review work requested by the Inspector as a result.~~ the opportunity should be taken to ensure that the Plan is subject to an early review, as already proposed by the Council, which will consider matters such as rolling forward the time horizon of the Plan and re-assessing actual and anticipated delivery rates upon the sites identified in this Plan.

Amended Motion to Read

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To be moved by Martin Stears-Handscomb

Seconded by Ian Mantle