

JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE

25 SEPTEMBER 2019

UPDATE SHEET

Correspondence received and matters arising following preparation of the agenda

Item A1

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LAND AT GREEN LANE FARM GREEN LANE, BADSHOT LEA

Updates to the report

- Housing Land Supply

The agenda report refers to the position set out in the 2018 position statement which has since been updated. The Council is able to demonstrate a 5.2 year supply of housing. The conclusion of this paragraph therefore remains that the Council is able to demonstrate a five year supply of housing.

- Farnham Neighbourhood Plan

A number of questions have been raised by members regarding the status of the Farnham Neighbourhood Plan, particularly given that the Farnham Neighbourhood Plan review is scheduled for the 1st October and how this has been assessed in the context of this application. In light of this, the following additional advice is offered:

- The Farnham Neighbourhood Plan has been given careful consideration, the report contains an analysis against its policies. Whilst the review could only be given a certain level of weight, the FNP in its original form was given full weight in the balancing exercise.
- The proposed allocations and changes to the FNP review (should they be approved by the Inspector at the upcoming examination) would not alter the recommendation, as none of the proposed changes specifically relate to the application site. The site is not allocated in the Farnham Neighbourhood Plan but this does not preclude its consideration as a windfall site.
- The balancing exercise (page 45 of the agenda) is not on the basis of a titled balance which might be engaged were the Borough unable to demonstrate a five year housing land supply or in respect of the Farnham Neighbourhood Plan a 3 year supply.

- It is on the basis of the above, that officers do not report any significant material harm to the Countryside or landscape character, and no material conflict is identified with the Farnham Neighbourhood Plan. This is clearly a matter of planning judgement which it is open to members to reach their own decision on, however, a delay until after the Farnham Neighbourhood Plan would not in officers view alter the balance of considerations.

The recommendations remain as set out on the agenda at page 45.