

***Rother Development and Site Allocations Local Plan
Examination***

**Thursday 9 May 2019
Council Chamber**

Hearing Agenda – Sessions 3 and 4

Matter 5 Selection of sites allocated for development – overall methodology and process

Key Issue: Has the overall site selection process been based upon a sound process and robust methodology within the context of the Core Strategy?

- Are the sites allocated the most appropriate sites based upon the evidence?
- Is the site selection process based upon a sound process of sustainability appraisal and testing of reasonable alternatives?
- Is the methodology appropriate?
- Are the reasons for selecting the preferred sites and rejecting the others clear?
- Is the identified capacity of each site justified?
- Is the wording of each policy sufficiently clear so as to be effective?

Matter 6 Housing Supply and Delivery

Key Issue: Is the overall housing supply and delivery assumptions justified, effective and in accordance with the Core Strategy.

- Will the proposed allocations and other provisions ensure that the Core Strategy requirement of at least 5,700 net additional homes over the period to 2028 will be met?
- Is the proportional split of sites and expected provision between areas of the borough consistent with the targets, strategic objectives and spatial policies of the Core Strategy?
- Are the assumptions for the contribution of small sites in Figure 16 reasonable and justified by evidence?
- Are the assumptions for the delivery of sites with planning permission by 2028 justified? In particular in Bexhill large sites such as Worsham Farm and Preston Hall Farm have yet to commence according to the Housing Land Supply Document of October 2018, yet have capacity for nearly 1,300 dwellings.
- Does the residual requirement for Battle of 475-500 dwellings exclude the Rother District Plan 2006 allocated site of Blackfriars?

- Are there sufficient safeguards and provision in place in the policy to ensure that the requirement would be met if the preparation of and making of neighbourhood plans is delayed or frustrated?

Action points and matters arising