

## **KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK LOCAL PLAN REVIEW EXAMINATION**

### **Housing requirements – updated to reflect latest Local Housing Need and 2040/2041 end-date scenarios – Outstanding issues from Day 6 (26 March 2024)**

#### **Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk Local Plan Examination: Housing Requirement & Plan Period Note (26/03/2024)**

1. The Borough Council set out in Hearing Position Statement [K1] in response to the Inspectors AMIQs that to ensure consistency with Paragraph 22 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which states that 'Strategic policies should look ahead over a minimum 15-year period from adoption....', the plan period should be extended by an additional year. This is to ensure that there are 15 years remaining of the plan period at the currently anticipated point of adoption (early 2025). The Plan period would therefore be 2021 to 2040.
2. During Day 6 of the Examination Hearing Sessions (26/03/2024) the Inspectors offered a way forward to make the best use of the examination time and accelerate the process enabling Plan adoption in Q1 2025. This would mean consulting on Main Modifications in two stages, firstly for the majority of the Plan and secondly on the element relating to Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Show People. This offer was gratefully accepted by the Borough Council and a timetable to achieve adoption of the Plan following this approach will be provided. This will impact positively on the recently published Local Development Scheme (01/03/2024) which was updated prior to the hearing sessions as requested by the Department of Levelling Up Housing Communities on the 19/12/2023, but which will be further updated to reflect the new timetable.
3. It was agreed during the hearing session that the housing requirement should be based on the standard methodology for Local Housing Need (LHN) which is 554 new dwelling per year.
4. It was also agreed that the plan period should be extended to ensure consistency with the NPPF.
5. The Borough Council proposed that as they and the Inspectors are working towards adoption in Q1 2025 that the plan period should be extended by one additional year as follows: LHN of 554 as per the standard methodology x the 19-year plan period (2021 – 2040) = 10,526 new dwellings required.
6. Mr J Maxey in his representation [K9a] and during the hearing session suggested that this should be extended by a further year in addition to the above. If the position was to be taken the plan period should be extended by 2 extra years. The impact of this on the plan housing requirement

would be as follows: LHN of 554 as per the standard method x a 20-year plan period (2021 - 2041) = 11,080 new dwellings required.