

MATTER 8



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Examination of the City of York Local Plan

Matters, Issues and Questions for the Examination

Phase 2 Hearings

Matter 8 – Climate Change

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CLIENT: Redrow Homes



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This response has been prepared on behalf of Redrow Homes in relation to their land interests at Monks Cross, York which is proposed allocation ST8 and land immediately west of, in the Publication Draft Local Plan.
- 1.2 An Outline Planning Application for the development of circa 970 dwellings including infrastructure, open space, primary school, associated community facilities, convenience store and Country Park was submitted on behalf of Redrow Homes (Yorkshire) Limited in January 2018 on the emerging Local Plan ST8 site (18/00017/OUTM). The application was appealed for non-determination Appeal Ref: APP/C2741/W/21/3282969. A public inquiry was held over 4 days 25 – 28 January 2022. At the stage of closing statements, both appellant and LPA were supportive of an approval subject to S106. The decision now stands with the Secretary of State.
- 1.3 Previous submissions have been made to the Local Plan and attendance at the Phase 1 Hearings. The content of previous submissions remains relevant, including the Publication Draft submissions in February 2018, July 2019 Proposed Modifications, Phase 1 Hearings, and the June 2021 Modifications and Evidence Base Consultation. In addition to this statement relating to Examination Matter 8, it should be noted that statements have been prepared for Matter 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 on behalf of Redrow Homes and Johnson Mowat will be representing Redrow Homes at the Phase 2 Examination Hearing sessions relating to Matters 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.



2.0 TEST OF SOUNDNESS

2.1 The City of York Local Plan is being tested against the 2012 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2012) which at Paragraph 182 states that:

“The Local Plan will be examined by an independent inspector whose role is to assess whether the plan has been prepared in accordance with the Duty to Cooperate, legal and procedural requirements, and whether it is sound. A local planning authority should submit a plan for examination which it considers is “sound” – namely that it is:

- Positively prepared – the plan should be prepared based on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements, including unmet requirements from neighbouring authorities where it is reasonable to do so and consistent with achieving sustainable development;
- Justified – the plan should be the most appropriate strategy, when considered against the reasonable alternatives, based on proportionate evidence;
- Effective – the plan should be deliverable over its period and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic priorities; and
- Consistent with national policy – the plan should enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the Framework.”



3.0 RESPONSE TO INSPECTOR'S QUESTIONS

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Further to our initial Question 1.8 in the Matters, Issues and Questions for Phase 1 of the hearing sessions, we have the following question relating to climate change matters.

- 8.1 Neither the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, nor the associated Regulations, set out specific requirements or targets for local plans in relation to climate change. In light of this, do the Government's wider climate change commitments have any bearing on the legal requirements for, or soundness of, the Plan? If so, what changes are required to make the Plan legally compliant and/or sound and why are they necessary**

It is our opinion that Building Regulation changes 2021 and impending 2025 Future Homes Standards are sufficient to deliver the necessary climate change requirements for the CYC Local Plan. As such, the Council's requirements under policies CC1, CC2 and CC3 are redundant in so far as they relate to new residential development. Further, the policies, as written are unable to respond to future Building Regulations changes, resulting in the policies potentially becoming out of date during the Plan Period.