

YORK LOCAL PLAN

EXAMINATION OF THE CITY OF YORK LOCAL PLAN 2017 – 2033

**Schedule of Matters, Issues and Questions for the Examination
Phase 4 Hearings**

Made on Behalf of Barratt and David Wilson Homes

Matter 6 – Development in the Green Belt

Introduction

6.1 These representations are made on behalf of Barratt and David Wilson Homes (Yorkshire East). Our Client has a number of strategic allocations and housing allocations across the city and has made representations at all stages of the plan, together with appearing at the Examination in Public. These representations should be read in conjunction with those representations and also our separate responses to the Councils housing needs assessment.

6.5 Does Policy SS2 properly reflect the role of York’s Green Belt

6.2 It is not considered that SS2 reflects the role of York’s Green Belt. The safeguarding of the setting of York is the basis for establishing the Green Belt, however once the plan is adopted and the boundaries set, it is inappropriate to elevate one purpose above others, when considering planning applications or future plan reviews.

6.3 We further object to reference to the general extent of the Green Belt being referenced on the key diagram. The exact boundaries will have been set and land is either within the Green Belt or not. The general extent is a reference in the RSS for identifying the general extent of the Green Belt until the Council formally adopt a Local Plan and set defined boundaries. Once set to retain this reference is irrelevant, confusing and inappropriate.

6.4 Whilst not wanting to raise points previously covered it is not considered that sufficient homes have been identified beyond the plan period and with no white land or safeguarded land the plan is unsound.

6.5 Notwithstanding this, we note that the Council are only seeking to plan for five years beyond the plan period, which they themselves note only provides a degree or permanent.’ The framework requires that Green belt boundaries should not be altered at the end of the plan period. Without white land or safeguarded land and the limited ability to deliver homes beyond the end of the plan it is considered that the role of York’s Green Belt is not reflected in this policy.