

JAA for Redrow and Persimmon Homes (South East)
JAA ID: 1233764
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Local Plan Examination – Stage 3
Matter 9 Issues 1 and 4
To be debated Wednesday 17th / Thursday 18th July 2024

Matter 9 – Other Matters and Main Modifications Necessary for Soundness

Issue 1 – Material Changes in Circumstances since Stage 2 Hearings

Q1. Has there been any material changes in circumstances since the Stage 2 hearings, either at a site-specific level, where the supporting evidence is concerned or in relation to national planning policy and guidance which is relevant to the examination? If so, do any of these changes make the Plan unsound and/or require modification?

Q2. Does the evidence-base supporting the Plan remain up-to-date?

Whilst the evidence base has been updated to address the implications of the council's response to the Inspectors Initial Findings the updated information merely seeks to provide the most up to date information available to support the councils approach and demonstrate soundness. Additional information submitted during the course of the stage three hearings has likewise been submitted in order to assist the inquiry, and as long as that evidence has been properly consulted upon/ respondents have had the chance to make their thoughts known, we see no reason to suggest the plan is unsound and/or requires further modification beyond that already set out in our representations to date, for example to reflect the updated position on secondary provision at Mascalls, which we comment on in our Matter 4 Statement. All that said we reserve the right to respond to any issues raised by other parties during this session.

Issue 2 – Local Green Space Designations

No Comment

Issue 3 – Accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople

No Comment

Issue 4 – Main Modifications Necessary for Soundness

Q1. At the Stage 2 hearing sessions the Council suggested that other changes are necessary to the submitted Plan to make it sound. Except for those policies referred to above, what other Main Modifications do the Council consider are necessary to rectify any soundness matters?

Whilst this is a matter for the council, we reserve the right to respond to any issues raised in the councils hearing statement when seen.