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Subject: Implications of 2018 based household projection for the housing requirement in the section 1 plan

To: copseyandrea@gmail.com

Dear Sir/madam

Your Question (a)

Having studied much of the background and ‘alleged fact’ as published, I have found far too much contradiction, also derision within the documents as published. This is alongside a distinct lack of clarity and indeed considerable inaccurate information so contained within the documents.

Is it any wonder that members of public are disinterested and distant, also ill informed, but also an important factor? Simply publishing such documents does NOT make them correct OR factual..!

With that in mind I suspect, and respectfully suggest that in my opinion it would be unsafe and unsound to proceed with any immediate decisions until such information and real time up to date FACTS have been established.

e.g a major “rethink” is required? [see my reply question (b) below]

e.g. Alleged ‘facts and figures’ that are in current use within the published documents are plainly highly questionable and unsound. The majority being formed at such a time when the situation within the UK was then totally different and where the ‘housing factor’ was a very different equation back then, so many years ago - therefore plainly no longer useable nor sound!

These figures that were then forecast and possibly ‘assumed to be correct’ while using information & data considered at that time and that have changed and lowered drastically since - in REAL TIME- hence should not be considered in this assessment!

The EU had dictated many such “facts and figures” at that time - many years ago - whereby they have since proved to be highly inaccurate at source (confirmed so by NoS) and even at the then census level, where a considerably higher percentage than in true real time being indicated then, but now found inaccurate.

Thus in MY opinion presenting an unsafe base figure for future housing locally and indeed nationally .

I suggest that the ‘SEA’ projections to be locally inaccurate also !

In my opinion, your letter regarding 2018 based housing ‘projections’ was therefore based upon incorrect data that had been provided to you where I can only consider it as irrelevant with regard to any ‘meaningful change’ from your 27th June 2018 and where the original is very likely to be incorrect/inaccurate, therefore unsound? Plainly I am not able to provide you with an exact alternative figure for today as the original source was proven incorrect.

Your question (b)

In addition, as the UK is no longer a member of the EU, and will not be during the lifetime of the proposed plan, it must be considered that the future UK population & housing requirement figure (hence forecast) of that past era of several years ago, but still being considered *today*.

This will be very different to those figures as forecast all those years ago, therefore a major rethink is now necessary?

The number of houses actually required today will be demonstrably very different to the current “today” UK forecast as suggested recently, and of course housing requirements of today and the predicted future?...

e.g. far higher numbers were projected then than today's truer 'actual' lower requirement ?

Alongside this, the nearer future housing requirements surely predicts that so many present day commercial /High St properties might no longer be viable for current commercial usage BUT could soon become available and viable for affordable housing/home occupation instead of building NEW homes, this might well be one answer to “affordable housing” surely? Particularly with regard to single/smaller occupancy and this surely needs strong consideration in this area and with regard to the future local plan and far lower numbers regarding affordable housing ?

VERY recent facts and data have emerged, and are still emerging, with regard to the immigration also emigration factors. With that in mind I respectfully suggest that a more realistic set of housing figures need considering with regard to ‘actual’ future housing within the area to which we refer to and the proposed future local plan.

Yours faithfully
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