

Hartlepool Local Plan Examination 2017

Submission on behalf of Tunstall Homes Ltd

Response to Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions

September 2017

Matter 6 – Transport and Infrastructure

Issue 1 – Whether the overall approach to transport is justified, effective and consistent with national policy?

This matter will focus on the work contained in the Council's Local Infrastructure Plan (Document HLP05/1) and relevant transport evidence at the Tees Valley and local levels. Specific transport and infrastructure proposals to facilitate the proposed growth at High Tunstall and Wynyard will also be examined under Matters 8 and 9 respectively.

Q1 What is the likely effect of the proposed scale and distribution of development on existing transport infrastructure and traffic levels? How has this been assessed and is the transport evidence up-to-date?

- Reference is also made to the SoCG, jointly prepared by HBC, Highways England and Tunstall Homes Ltd.
- This matter is principally addressed by HBC and HE and further details are provided in response to Matter 8.
- In relation to High Tunstall, traffic assessment work has been undertaken in conjunction with the local highway authority and Highways England and is considered to up-to-date and undertaken in a manner which accords with the relevant standards and guidance. The traffic modelling, which has been accepted by the joint signatories of the SoCG, demonstrates that the transport networks, with the agreed mitigation, can accommodate traffic generated by the development proposals.

Q2 Highways England [representation Pub 0130] advise that an evidence base to demonstrate that the Plan's approach to transport is soundly based exists but needs to be collated into a single resource. Is there a need to do this and has the transport evidence evolved since the Plan's submission in March 2017?

- This matter is principally addressed by HBC and HE.
- Reference is also made to the SoCG, jointly prepared by HBC, Highways England and Tunstall Homes Ltd.

Q3 With reference to Table 2 of the LIP, what specific improvements to transport infrastructure or policy responses are proposed or will be required to support transport demands arising the Plan's overall strategy, including levels of growth?

- Refer to responses for Matter 8 for further details relating to High Tunstall.

Q4 Are there specific trigger points for their implementation (including any timing/phasing of the development proposals in the Plan)? How will the identified transport infrastructure in Policies LS1/INF2 be brought forward and funded?

- Please refer to responses for Matter 8 for further details relating to High Tunstall.

Issue 3 – Funding for Infrastructure

Q10 Is there further evidence from the emerging Tees Valley Strategic Transport Plan work (referenced at para 5.3 of LIP) on potential funding for strategic infrastructure relevant to Hartlepool and the Local Plan's growth proposals?

- This matter is principally addressed by HBC and HE.

Q12 Is the A19 widening between Norton and Wynyard fully funded and programmed to commence in 2020?

- This matter is principally addressed by HBC and HE.
- Reference is also made to the SoCG, jointly prepared by HBC, Highways England and Tunstall Homes Ltd.