

Statement of RN925

Issue 6 Affordable Housing Unsound / not positively prepared

Question iii) HOU1 relates to the different areas and levels for the requirement.

Statement:

Appendix 2 – response to Main Changes Representations MCLP 888 MC48 page 105

1. Here we took issue with the confusing definition of Ashford Hinterlands. The response on page 106 does not help. It states that Shadoxhurst lies within the 'rural hinterlands' (as opposed to Ashford hinterlands) but that the village would require 40% affordable housing on qualifying sites.
2. This should clearly put us into Zone C with the 40% quota. This to us is right, as there is a clear need for the younger generation who want to stay in the village but cannot do so as it is primarily executive homes being built in Shadoxhurst.
3. The north of ABC ward Weald South is in the pink Zone B and we conclude that the developments of Court Lodge and Pound Lane etc in Kingsnorth therefore only require a 30% quota.
4. The 2019 ward boundary change is welcomed as it removes this part of Kingsnorth and will put Weald South firmly in Zone C.
5. There is a strange aspect to this that those on low incomes and wish to live in the town and be close to their employment opportunities, only have a 20% quota of affordable.

What would make this Plan sound?

6. Simply that Paragraph 5.8 on page 223 is changed to state that only the Parish of Kingsnorth situated within Weald South is in Zone B. In paragraph 5.9, it should state that from 2019, the whole of Weald South will be in Zone C.