



LOCAL ENQUIRY REPRESENTATION ID no 684 Re; Ashford Local plan

1. It is considered that policy SP2 is unsound
2. We believe that it is unsound because the land allocations intended to provide a five-year supply of housing land are not all consistent with guidance in the National Planning Policy Framework in that some are in far from sustainable locations
3. As an example, allocation WC 37,92 and 65 [High Halden] which is said to accommodate 50 dwellings is remote from any existing settlement and the services that they can provide; whilst part of the site is brownfield the majority takes agricultural land, and overall development on this land would be intrusive in the countryside.
4. By the same token sites that are entirely sustainable and by location and through existing landscaping, are not intrusive or detrimental to agricultural interests, have not been allocated. BD40 [Biddenden] is an example.
5. The precise change required is a review of all site allocations against NPPF criteria and a similar review of unallocated sites that have previously been submitted for consideration but rejected, to ensure that the plan delivers a five-year supply of housing in compliance with the NPPF guidelines.

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