

Hearing Statement: Inspector's Issues 1 and 12.

Representor: Stephen Penny

Representor number ALP/824 RN 966

Inspectors,

I wish to draw your attention to a procedural error committed by Ashford Borough Council, which directly relates to Inspector's Issue 1 and Inspector's Issue 12.

The Sustainability Appraisal (SA/SEA) Addendum Appendix 1 – Update to original site assessments of previously considered sites- contains an assessment of my site WS4 in conjunction with site WE45, which results in the combined site being rejected on the grounds that it compromises the proposed Kingsnorth southern buffer zone.

Omission site WS4 was submitted for consideration on its own by myself, the owner. Site WS4 does not compromise the proposed Kingsnorth southern buffer zone, but is neatly bordered by it. The joint site was not submitted by me, but by a speculative local builder, Russel Jarvis. It is his site WE45 that sits within the buffer zone.

ABC's error in assessing the combined sites, and its refusal to correct the error, unfairly penalises my submission to include site WS4 in the Local Plan to 2030.

I have advised Ashford Borough Council of this, and I have complained through the consultation process, but my complaint has been ignored, and the error remains unaddressed.

* I now respectfully submit to you that the failure by ABC to assess site WS4 on its own or to respond to my complaint about the failure to do so contravenes your **'Inspector's Issue 1: Have the relevant procedural and legal requirements been met, including the duty to co-operate?'**

*I also submit that the failure by ABC to assess site WS4 on its own and to respond to my complaint about the failure to do so contravenes your **'Inspector's Issue 12: Are the site allocations justified.....?'**

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Penny - Owner of site WS4.

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