

## Modification 2.4

### Policy DS1

- 1) The introduction of the word '*about*' immediately before the housing targets set for Winchester Town, the South Hampshire Urban Areas and the Market Towns and Rural Area is ambiguous and does not set a clear objective for boosting significantly the supply of housing, as required by the NPPF (para.47).
- 2) The term '*about*' could, quite reasonably, be interpreted as a figure either above or below, the 4,000 dwellings for Winchester Town; the 5,500 dwellings for South Hampshire UAs and the 1,500 dwellings for the MTRA policy area. In this regard it could be the case that the supply of housing falls short of the quanta specified for each policy area, the corollary of which would be an under-supply of housing across the District. This is clearly not a situation that the Council would seek to invite and as such there should be amendment to the wording of the Development Strategy (DS1) to ensure that the numbers specified are achieved.
- 3) Paragraph 157 of the NPPF requires Local Plans to '*plan positively for the development and infrastructure required in the area...*' Positive and proactive planning should avoid ambiguity and should ensure that development is delivered. On this basis the word '*about*' in each case

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should be replaced either with '*at least*' or '*a minimum of*' to ensure that the overall dwelling target of 11,000 dwellings for the District as a whole and the component parts of that figure are fully met in each policy area. Any increase over and above the minimum amount would contribute to a positive and proactive approach to meeting the development needs of the District in line with the thrust of the NPPF; in particular the objective of boosting the supply of housing significantly through a plan-led system.

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Modification 2.7

Policy WT1

- 1) Please see representation to Modification 2.4, Policy DS1, which reflects the same approach advocated here, and for the same reasons. The term '*about*', which precedes the requirement for 4,000 homes, should be replaced either by '*at least*', or '*a minimum of*' in order to comply with the objectives and spirit of the NPPF.

Modification 2.20

Policy MTRA2

- 1) Policy MTRA2 should be amended, with the requirement for *'about 400–500 new homes'* replaced by *'at least (or a minimum of) 400–500 new homes'* to be provided in Bishops Waltham and New Alresford, to be consistent with and to reflect the changes advocated in respect of Policy DS1 (Modification 2.4).
- 2) The reasoning for the proposed change is set out fully in respect of Modification 2.4.