

Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan Examination in Public

Position Statement on Matter 3

Site Allocations – Market Lavington & Crudwell

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Issue 5: Is the deletion of the sites at Market Lavington and Crudwell necessary to make the plan ‘sound’?

1. The Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan (WHSAP) ([WHSAP.01.01](#)) as proposed to be amended by the Council’s Schedule of Proposed Changes ([EXAM/01](#)) was approved for submission to the Secretary of State by Council (10 July 2018).
2. The Council’s Schedule of Proposed Changes delete the site allocations at Market Lavington and Crudwell. This was on the basis that there was no strategic imperative for the WHSAP to allocate sites within the East HMA at Market Lavington¹ or the Area of Search (Malmesbury Community Area Remainder) to which Crudwell relates²; and the ability to allow those communities to plan for their own needs through the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans that were being actively pursued in the area³.
3. While the sites had been assessed through the Sustainability Appraisal ([SA/01A.a](#)) and officers had recommended their inclusion, nonetheless in considering the submission of the WHSAP further regard was given to land supply matters, as set out above, and the need to bring forward sites at the settlements through the WHSAP.
4. The WHSAP in its methodology and approach seeks to strike a balance enabling local communities to plan for development through neighbourhood planning and allocating new sites through this plan where there is the strategic imperative to do so. This is consistent with Wiltshire Core Strategy ([WCO/01](#)) Core Policy 2 that recognises both forms of plan have a role to play in addressing housing requirements and allocating sites.
5. Topic Paper 4; Developing Plan Proposals Addendum ([TOP/04C](#)) considers the effect of the removal of the sites on the WHSAP and illustrates that there would be no material effect on the objectives of the Plan.
6. In conclusion, the Council considers that the submitted WHSAP together with the Schedule of Proposed Changes represents a sound proposition.

¹ Paragraphs 4.5 and 4.6, [TOP/04B](#)

² Table 2.3, [CATP/07](#)

³ Tables 2.4 [CATP/06](#) and [CATP/07](#)