

RECOMMENDATION TO CABINET 5 FEBRUARY 2019 FROM THE LOCAL PLAN TASK GROUP HELD ON 31 JANUARY 2019

LOCAL PLAN REVIEW DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION

The Task Group agreed the additional recommendation as set out below that the Local Plan Review Draft document be amended prior to the commencement of the consultation process:

New text at the end of paragraph 4.1.16:

All the allocation policies include the words 'at least' before the proposed number of dwellings. This reflects the need for the Local Plan to be positively prepared.

Should it be found that an allocated site could not accommodate the proposed level of development because of local issues, it is important that the Local Plan incorporates sufficient flexibility to address such a situation. To this end it is important to ensure that the wording of each allocation policy incorporates sufficient flexibility.

It is also important that the best use of land is achieved but that this **should not** be at the expense of other considerations such as the provision of open space, and local amenity considerations. If a proposal came forward for a planning application in excess of the specified figure, it would have to demonstrate carefully how it meets design, amenity and other safeguards (with explicit reference to relevant policies, including; LP16, LP17, LP18 and LP19) and clearly state how the additional units could be accommodated without detriment to the locality.