

PM1/CCC & SCDC – Supplementary Statement (2)



Examination into the Soundness of the
Cambridge Local Plan and
South Cambridgeshire Local Plan

Matter PM1A.3 – Supplementary Statement (2)

Cambridge City Council and
South Cambridgeshire District Council

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PM1A.3 The OAHN figures are also the housing requirement figures in both plans. What is the relationship between these figures and the 1,000 extra homes which are part of the City Deal?

1. The Councils' Matter PM1 statement deals with this question at paragraphs 29 to 35 on page 8. This position statement updates paragraph 34 of that statement, which says that "The increase in the OAHN and housing target for South Cambridgeshire from 19,000 to 19,500 has the effect of incorporating 500 of the City Deal commitment into the housing requirement in the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan".
2. The position as in the Councils' statement reflects what had been understood to have been the intention of the City Deal agreement following discussion with senior officers responsible for the City Deal.
3. Consideration has been given to objectors' hearing statements responding to the Inspectors' question PM1A.3 and in particular to the issue which has emerged as to whether the 1,000 additional dwellings on rural exception sites should be construed as wholly additional to the 33,480 dwellings which was the baseline contained within the City Deal documentation.
4. Having considered the matter further in light of representations received and following discussions with senior officers responsible for City Deal, it is acknowledged that it is reasonable to construe the City Deal agreement as providing for and intending delivery of an additional 1000 dwellings on rural exception sites over and above the 33,480 homes to which reference is made in the City Deal documentation. This figure is coincidentally in substance the same as the increased OAHN now provided for through the proposed modifications to the submitted Local Plans. The Inspectors are invited therefore to consider that delivery over the plan period of the 1,000 additional homes on rural exception sites which has been committed to through the City Deal will be over and above the OAHN of 33,500 to be delivered through the two local plans.
5. The report to the City Deal Joint Assembly dealing with monitoring of the 1,000 additional homes on 7 July 2016 and Executive Board on 13 July 2016 will be put in the examination library.