

MBC Response to Session R4

In preparation for the hearing session on Wednesday 23 November the Council will be submitting additional evidence to the examination. The new evidence will update Tables 3.1 and 5.1 of the Housing Topic Paper 2016 (document SUB 005) and Schedule 2 of the Housing Topic Paper 2016 Supplement (document ED 043 A). The update will reflect the amendments arising from the examination sessions, to show the impact of the proposed modifications on the Council's 20-year and five-year housing land supply positions at a base date of 1 April 2016. The amendments will be confined to:

- The removal of Syngenta (Policy RMX1(4)) from housing land supply;
- Amendments to the phasing of the Lenham Broad Location (Policy H2(3)); and
- The potential yield from the Lodge Road, Staplehurst site allocated in the Staplehurst Neighbourhood Plan for mixed use development.

The Council will seek a modification to Table 4.1 of the Maidstone Borough Local Plan and to the housing trajectory graph (Appendix A) to reflect these amendments.

The Council confirms that the Housing Topic Paper 1 September 2016 (document ED 013) remains an indicative position of the Council's housing land supply and does not replace the April Topic Paper.

Correspondence is noted from Mr Wilford of Barton Willmore to the Inspector on this matter, and so a copy of this statement has been forwarded to Mr Wilford for clarity of the Council's position.

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