

## Brennan, Charlotte

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**From:** Programme Officer  
**Sent:** 29 August 2018 14:58  
**To:** March, Jemma  
**Cc:** Planning Policy Team; Phil Mileham; 'Ottewell, Stephen (Capita)'  
**Subject:** Correspondence from the Inspector

Dear Jemma,

As part of the Inspector's additional questions, he wrote to the Council with the following text:

*'The Inspector's questions on the additional work at 1.15 asks 'Is the methodology for calculating the 10% growth for Local Service Centres justified?'. As part of this question, the Inspector would like the Council to explain why the figures (including dwelling numbers, completions and proposed allocations within the Plan) provided in the Table on Page 26 of the Housing Topic Paper, do not, in many cases, match those set out in the Plan itself. For example, the Plan (at Paragraph 3.192) sets out that 90 additional dwellings should be provided in Ashill over the Plan period to achieve the proposed 10% growth and that there have been 22 completions and 49 commitments, leaving the need to allocate 20 dwellings. However, the Table on Page 26 of the Housing Topic Paper sets out that 62 dwellings are needed to deliver 10% growth, that there have been 3 completions as of 2016 and there is a need to deliver 50 dwellings in the Plan for Ashill'.*

In response, the Council at Paragraph 37 of the Additional Hearing Statement on Matter 4 replied:

*'Taking Ashill as an example, Table 20 of the Council's Housing Topic Paper sets out that 50 dwellings are set out within the 'proposed allocation within the plan' column. This is reflected in Table 2.1 of the Preferred Site Options and Settlement Boundaries consultation (LP/S/12), which states that the new allocations figure for Ashill is 50 dwellings. Within the Ashill section on page 51 of the Preferred Site Options and Settlement Boundaries document it is set out that an additional 90 dwellings are required over the plan period, consisting of 50 dwellings through new allocation, 37 commitments and 3 completions. Within the Pre-submission publication it is then stated that an additional 90 dwellings are required over the plan period consisting of 22 completions, 49 commitments and 20 through new allocation. This ensures that the original 10% calculation published in the Preferred Sites and Settlement Boundaries consultation is not exceeded from that point in time. Completions and commitments in the monitoring year 2017/18 have been reflected through the Council's main modifications'.*

However, this does not provide explanation why a starting point of 90 additional dwellings over the Plan period has been selected in the Plan for Ashill, when Table 20 (Page 26) of the Council's Housing Topic Paper identifies a need for 50 dwellings over the Plan period (based on the 10% methodology). This is also relevant to many of the other Local Service Centres. Please can the Council explain why this is the case by Wednesday 5 September 2018.

Regards

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