

## **King's Lynn & West Norfolk Local Plan Review Examination**

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### **By email via the Programme Officer**

Dear Mr Ashworth,

#### **Examination of King's Lynn & West Norfolk Local Plan Review: Implications of the Housing Delivery Test: 2023 measurement**

We refer to the Housing Delivery Test (HDT): 2023 measurement results published by the Government on 12 December 2024.

This indicates that housing delivery over the previous three years in the Borough of King's Lynn and West Norfolk (BKL&WN) may have altered the buffer to be applied when calculating a 5-year housing land supply (HLS) for the BKL&WN.

Although the Local Plan Review is being Examined under the 2021 version of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), paragraph 74 and Footnote 41 of that version state that, where the HDT indicates the delivery of housing over the previous three years was below 85% of the housing requirement, a 20% buffer should be applied. As the 2023 HDT measures housing delivery in the BKL&WN at 60% of the housing requirement, it appears that a 20% buffer should now be applied for the purposes of any 5-year HLS calculation in this Examination.

The Main Modifications to the Local Plan Review (LPR) published for consultation in August 2024, included a 5-year HLS calculation at 1 April 2024 using a 5% buffer, based on the Council's HDT measurement for 2022.

Accordingly, we would be grateful for the Council's response to this letter, including what if any effect the 2023 HDT measurement would have on the 5-year HLS calculation for the LPR on adoption.

On receipt of this letter, please would the Council upload it to the Examination website.

Yours sincerely,

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