Inspector’s Clarification Note on Matters, Issues and Questions related to Towcester Employment Allocations and Upper Nene Gravel Pits

The Council has submitted the following queries regarding the Matters, Issues and Questions (INS03 MIQ) Document:

1. “In consideration of the Inspector’s MIQs I note that there are a number of questions posed in relation to allocation AL1 & AL2 (The Bell Plantation and Woolgrowers) which are not addressed to the Tiffield Road allocation. Are you able to confirm with the Inspector whether these questions relate to that allocation also?”


Inspector’s Response:

1. As I previously set out in the MIQ Document, the issues and questions set out within it may evolve through the examination, not least following on from any responses made on them prior to the hearing sessions. Consequently, in terms of the Towcester Allocations (Policies AL1, AL2 and AL3 of the Local Plan), if the Council or representors consider that there are additional points which would be relevant to my consideration of the proposed allocations, these matters can be included within the relevant hearing statements.

2. The National Farmers’ Union (ID 209) response at Regulation 19 stage on the Local Plan raised the matter of Policy NE1’s potential effects on what it describes as “small-scale development”, including “isolated conversions, single pieces of development, one new house or barn”. Whilst that list is not exhaustive, it nevertheless gives an indication of the type and scale of development proposals which this question seeks to address.

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INSPECTOR

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