Folkestone and Hythe District Council – Core Strategy Review

Examination Hearings

Matter 9 – Balanced Neighbourhoods and District Residential Needs

Wednesday 4 November 2020 – 14:00

AGENDA

Whether the approach to balanced neighbourhoods and District residential needs is justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

Relevant policies – CSD1 and CSD2

1. Policy CSD1 – Balanced Neighbourhoods

- What is the evidence on affordable housing needs, what is the past record in terms of delivery and how will future delivery be achieved?
- What is the basis for the site size thresholds and the proportions of affordable dwellings sought? Is this justified and consistent with national policy?
- What effect would the policy have on the viability of development proposals and what evidence is there in this respect?
- What is the basis for the tenure split sought and is this justified?
- Is the policy sufficiently flexible including in relation to the viability of development?
- In other respects, is the policy justified, effective and consistent with national policy?
- Are any main modifications to Policy CSD1 necessary for soundness?

2. Policy CSD2 – District Residential Needs

- What is the basis for the threshold of 15 or more dwellings and is it justified?
- Is the approach to a mix of tenures and the size of dwellings sufficiently clear and is it justified?
- Is the policy sufficiently flexible in relation to viability and being able to respond to changing evidence on the mix of housing over the plan period?
- Is the approach to housing for older people and those requiring an element of care justified and consistent with national policy? How will such housing be delivered?
- What is the evidence in relation to accommodation needs for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?
- How will these needs be met and what role will the Places and Policies Local Plan have in meeting needs and setting out a policy approach?
- Are any main modifications to Policy CSD2 necessary for soundness?