

EXPLANATORY NOTE FOR THE CHANGES IN DAVID DORMAN'S NHDC MATTER 22 APPENDIX (A) AND APPENDIX (B) REPRESENTATIONS AS PERMITTED BY THE INSPECTOR

a) The changes that have been made

The changes that have been made in Appendix A are fundamentally to be found in section (b) of my original representation which I entitled: 'A close study of the document: Revised Proposed Housing Trajectory – base data 1 April 2020. This section (b) was a critical review of the Trajectory based upon my study of a paper copy of the document that I had printed. I need to withdraw those criticisms of the Trajectory and so my revised section (b) has been reduced from 8 points to only 2.

The points that are now deleted from the original representation are paragraphs 29, 30, 33, 34 and 35. I have kept para 28 intact and have shortened and merged paragraphs 31 and 32. However, in my revised Appendix A I have had to re-number the paragraphs and so the original paras 31 and 32 are now para 29.

The changes that have been made to Appendix B directly result from the flawed printed copy of the Trajectory. In the tabulation I provided I have had to change descriptions and numbers in line items E and F with resulting different calculations; line item G has also had to be changed.

b) The reasons for these changes

The mistakes in Appendix A made were the result of the printing off a copy of the NHDC paper: 'Housing delivery and five-year housing land supply at 1 April 2020' (ED191B) which contains the Trajectory on pages 11 and 12 and which required close study which I find easier to do from a paper copy rather than on a screen.

When the Trajectory is printed two strange things happen, that I cannot explain:

- 1) The printed copy only goes out to 2023/24 –thus missing out the later years of the Trajectory through to 2031;
- 2) The printed copy also does not print sites between HT8 (Industrial area Cooks Way, Hitchin) and LG18 (Former Depot, Icknield Way, Letchworth). This means that 23 individual sites were missing from my printed copy.
- 3) It was only when I was studying the document sent by NHDC officials to Councillors in advance of the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 8 October (which included ED191B) that I looked again at the Trajectory on screen and realised the error of the missing material.
- 4) I have tried on numerous times since to find ways to print the Trajectory in full and cannot find a way to do so. The program used does not seem to permit me to highlight and print areas of the trajectory, or cut and paste, or to save as an individual document. And every time that I print it the same errors occur.
- 5) I have no idea whether other representors have encountered similar difficulties.

The mistakes in Appendix B are also a direct result of the flawed printing of the Trajectory. The missing data referred to in (1) and (2) above had a direct bearing on the housing numbers I used in my calculations and also I was unable to project beyond 2024 from the printed document.