

Inspector's Question 1 for the Council

Gladman Development Limited v Wokingham Borough Council

In the above judgement dated 11 July 2014 (case No: CO/1455/2014) Mr Justice Lewis concluded in paragraph 60 that 'an Inspector assessing the soundness of a development plan document dealing with the allocation of sites for a quantity of housing which is needed is not required to consider whether an objective assessment of housing need would disclose a need for additional housing'.

In paragraph 62 he states that 'It may be that the earlier development plan document needs updating, and may need to make further and additional provision for development in the future. There is, however, nothing in the statutory framework to suggest that a development plan document ... cannot be adopted simply because another development plan document, such as the Core Strategy, may need to be updated to include additional provision, for example additional housing'.

Finally in paragraph 65 he concludes that the NPPF 'does not require a development plan document which is dealing with the allocation of sites for an amount of housing provision agreed to be necessary to address, also, the question of whether further provision will need to be made'.

In light of this Judgement a brief response is invited from the Council with regard to the implications of the Judgement on the content of the two plans being examined and their relationship to the adopted Core Strategy of August 2011. Any such response should be received by the Programme Officer by midday on Friday 8 August.

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