

I would like to object to BK3 development in Barkway, North-Herts, for the following reasons:

### 1. Transparency of the process

- No public correspondence between the Inspector and NHDC on the Draft Schedule of Further Modifications has been provided. There is only an claim that the Inspector has agreed the Schedule of Further Modifications.
- NHDC requested to exclude BK3 from the Local Plan. The inspector did not accept this request and the reasons for non-acceptance has not been published.
- We support NHDC's request to remove site BK3 from their Local Plan. We have not had a fair and equal opportunity to put our case against the inclusion of Site BK3.

### 2. Enlarging BK3 to Include Hertfordshire Country Council's (HCC) School Site

Examination Document **ED175**. This document says that including the school site in the housing allocation site BK3 is pragmatic. HCC have not requested this amendment. This decision may be practical for NHDC but if BK3 includes HCCs land, then there is a risk that more homes than the 140 allocated will be built on this site. The land is not required by HCC for a school. The HCC school site should not be part of housing site BK3.

### 3. Figures for Housing Allocations, Completions, and Permissions

**MM010/FM039** says the number of homes expected to be delivered in Barkway village in the Local Plan period is 208. There is no evidence given for this figure. The figure is critical because Barkway is identified as suitable to support higher levels of housing that Category A villages on the basis that the number of homes expected to be delivered is 'more than 200'. The figures need to be justified.

**MM217/FM113** is a table showing new homes for the parish. The table is wrong. Red type shows the figures given in the modification. Blue shows a simple correction. However, the detail of how the figures were arrived at is not available so the figures need to be justified.

Total allocated sites	173 <b>160</b> homes
Completions and permissions	34 <b>57</b> homes
Total allocated, completed and permitted	204 <del>230</del> <b>217</b> homes

### 4. S106 Contributions to Provide School Transport

The contribution from construction of new homes in Barkway is mentioned three times in the Schedule of Further Proposed Main Modifications. School transport is already provided, and BPC have been consulted on how S106 money should be spent for the benefit of the parish. If this modification was to remain in the Local Plan for a bus service between Barkway and Barley schools, Barley would be benefiting from development in Barkway.

**MM215/FM111** (in relation to Policy BK2): “Contribution towards travel by sustainable modes of transport between Barley and Barkway schools”. We suggest this is deleted.

**MM216/FM112** (in relation to Policy BK3): “Contribution towards travel by sustainable modes of transport between Barley and Barkway schools.” We suggest this is deleted.

**MM219/FM114** (in relation to Paragraph 13.39): “Contributions to support sustainable travel between the two sites should be secured from new developments.” There are no developments proposed in Barley, only in Barkway and we suggest this is deleted.