

Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel Public Questions on 17 November 2020

1. Howard Dawson

At the CPPP meetings on 23rd and 29th January 2020, Members of this Panel made clear that they required all sites of High Harm to the Green Belt and Symondshyde to be deleted from the Local Plan.

The Inspector made clear at the Examination and in writing that sites which are High Harm to the Green Belt should not be allocated unless sites of lesser harm to the Green Belt have been allocated first. The allocation of Symondshyde should only be a last resort.

The position of the CPPP at its January 2020 meetings and the position of the Inspector is therefore consistent in stating that the allocation of Symondshyde and High Harm sites should be a last resort, or not at all.

The grounds for deleting Symondshyde and the High Harm sites from the Plan are justified by the fact that the Inspector himself required the Council to undertake the Stage 3 Green Belt Review in 2018 which was after the Plan had been submitted. This is new evidence which justifies the deletion of the High Harm sites and Symondshyde from the submitted Plan.

Given the above facts, please would the Chair of CPPP please explain why the Council's planning officers presented such a strong and robust case to the Stage 7 and Stage 8 Hearing Sessions to promote and support the allocation of Symondshyde and all High Harm sites, against the wishes expressed by Members in January 2020?