

Comments from Mark Roberts of RPS in relation to Hearing Session 2:

On behalf of the representors whom I represented at Hearing Session 2, I would offer the following comments.

We do not consider that the Council has provided sufficient evidence to justify deviating away from the WAG 2006 household projections. In our view, the information provided by the Council effectively re-iterates the evidence previously provided to the Inspector and that no new evidence has been provided to robustly justify the Council's position on the matter. Accordingly we do not consider that the Council has sufficiently demonstrated why the WAG population figures are not appropriate in this instance and in this regard we consider that the housing provision within the LDP is insufficient. We maintain our objections to the LDP and consider that the residential provision within the LDP should be based upon the WAG 2006 projections. We also consider that there are uncertainties within the proposed housing allocations, in terms of the viability and deliverability of sites, and their ability to provide a range and choice of housing within the plan period.

I trust that the Inspector will duly consider the above comments and also our previous submissions in his consideration of the housing provision made within the LDP.