

TELFORD & WREKIN LOCAL PLAN REVIEW EXAMINATION

MATTER 2 – VISION, PRIORITIES AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Define Planning and Design Ltd on Behalf of Bloor Homes (Regulation 19 Representations Ref. E135)

The following hearing statements relate to Bloor Homes Limited's (BHL) land interests that form part of proposed new Sustainable Communities "SC1 Land at Bratton" and "SC2 Land North East of Muxton" as identified by emerging Local Plan (eLP) Policy HO2.

ISSUE 1: HAVE THE VISION, PRIORITIES AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY BEEN POSITIVELY PREPARED, ARE THEY JUSTIFIED AND CONSISTENT WITH NATIONAL POLICY, AND CAN ALL BE REALISTICALLY ACHIEVED?

Question 19: What does 'a Forest Community' mean?

It is essential that a clear definition and/or vision that describes what a "forest community" is and how development is expected to contribute to this aspiration is provided within the Local Plan. This is necessary to inform the preparation of development proposals and ensure that a consistent and reasonable approach is taken by decision makers.

Currently, it is not possible to set out any detail of how a proposal could contribute to the creation of a Forest Community in planning applications as there is no guidance at all as to what the Council envisions this to actually be. This could lead to an inconsistent application of policy which could delay much needed development coming forward in a timely manner.

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