

Report to Planning Committee

Subject: Update of Five Year Housing Land Supply Assessment (against the emerging Aligned Core Strategy to inform the examination) as at 31 March 2013

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Wards Affected

All wards.

Purpose

This report is to inform Members of the update of the Five Year Housing Land Supply Assessment against the emerging Aligned Core Strategy to inform the hearing sessions as part of the examination of the Aligned Core Strategy.

Key Decision

This is not a Key Decision.

Background

- 1 The Council is required to undertake an annual assessment in order to demonstrate a five year supply of housing land against the housing requirement set out in the development plan. The current Five Year Housing Land Supply Assessment (as at 31 March 2012) was published in February 2013 and is available on the website (<http://www.gedling.gov.uk/planningbuildingcontrol/planningpolicy/localdevelopmentframework>). The report looks at housing land supply against two documents:-
 - a. The East Midlands Regional Plan – this is the document that sets out the housing requirement for Gedling Borough. It is the assessment against the Regional Plan which is used for decision making.
 - b. The Aligned Core Strategy – this was included in the report for information purposes as part of the technical evidence in support of the Submission of the Aligned Core Strategy.
- 2 The Council's Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) has been updated in early 2013 (earlier than usual) to inform the hearing sessions which form part of the examination process. In conjunction with the update of the SHLAA, the five year housing land supply assessment against the Aligned Core Strategy has also been updated only in order to provide the Inspector with the most up to date information and to demonstrate that the Aligned Core Strategy, when adopted, would

identify sufficient land to meet its housing land supply requirement. The update shows the estimated housing supply would exceed the number of housing required for the five year period. The update covers the period up to 31 March 2013 and the report is available in **Appendix A**.

- 3 It is important to note that the report is **not** a formal update of the Council's Five Year Housing Land Supply Assessment and it does not look at the five year housing land supply against the East Midlands Regional Plan. The report is not intended to be used to determine planning applications and the Five Year Housing Land Supply Assessment (as at 31 March 2012) report remains the relevant report in accordance with paragraph 47 of the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 4 The Five Year Housing Land Supply Assessment is usually updated annually generally at around the same time as the Authority Monitoring Report and generally published in January each year. The Council will be updating the Authority Monitoring Report for 2012/13 in the New Year and the formal update of the Five Year Housing Land Supply Assessment will be undertaken then.

Alternative Options

- 5 The alternative option is for this document not to be brought to the Planning Committee's attention, but this would mean Members are not informed about the content of the Update of the Five Year Housing Land Supply Assessment against the emerging Aligned Core Strategy (which has been updated only in order to provide the Inspector with the most up to date information and to inform the hearing sessions).

Financial Implications

- 6 None.

Appendices

- Appendix A – Update of Five Year Housing Land Supply Assessment (against the emerging Aligned Core Strategy to inform the examination) as at 31 March 2013.

Background Papers

- 7 None.

Recommendation

To note the content of the Update of Five Year Housing Land Supply Assessment (against the emerging Aligned Core Strategy to inform the examination) as at 31 March 2013.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 8 To clarify the status of the updated Five Year Housing Land Supply Assessment against the emerging Aligned Core Strategy.