Matter 2 – Housing

2.4 What provision could be made if the evidence suggests that the submitted SAP would not be able to deliver a five year supply at the time of adoption?

1. It is the council’s position that sufficient sites have been identified to deliver the plan period housing requirement in full by 2026, and that a five year land supply can be maintained.

2. The January 2017 modifications to the Core Strategy remitted policies increased flexibility to enable the release of suitable sites of an appropriate scale through the development management process.

3. It is therefore anticipated that policy compliant sites will continue to come forward over the plan period, in addition to the already identified sites, boosting supply.

4. In addition, the council consider it would be appropriate to set out a specific annualised delivery requirement in the SAP, to provide certainty. This issue is dealt with in full in our response to Matter 2.5.