

# Appendix 08: Pre 2024 Chronology with London Borough of Harrow



### **31\_01\_2020 - Hertsmere Borough Council sent a letter regarding Objectively Assessed Need for Housing to the London Borough of Harrow.**

Hertsmere Borough Council contacted the London Borough of Harrow in regard to its Objectively Assessed Need as the previous plan which was adopted in 2013 only required 266 homes annual whereas the plan period ranging from 2018 – 2036 required a total of 13500 - 750 homes per annum including a 5% buffer.

### **10\_02\_2020 – Formal response from London Borough of Harrow**

LB Harrow provided a formal response to Hertsmere BC setting out at that time it was not in a position to assist Hertsmere BC in meeting its Objectively Assessed Need for housing. LB Harrow confirmed it was in the process of reviewing its own local plan in light of revised housing targets proposed as part of the London Plan update.

### **2021:**

- Discussions included local plan updates. Housing: Hertsmere BC noted potential green belt release to meet housing targets. LB Harrow confirmed it intended to meet its housing targets without assistance from neighbouring authorities and noted previous correspondence to Hertsmere BC on this matter (noted above).
- Infrastructure matters related to site specific application near administrative boundary, matters in relation to school places resulting from growth within Bushy (Hertsmere BC). LBH to share GIS data regarding utilities and draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan & West London Strategic Infrastructure Delivery Plan when available.
- LBH seeking to commission Greenbelt assessment. Agreed to consult methodology with Hertsmere BC.
- Gypsy & Travellers: Hertsmere needing to allocated 25 pitches in Hertsmere. LBH do not need to provide extra pitches based on current evidence / London Plan.

## 2023

- Local Plan timeline update. LBH confirmed meeting London Plan housing targets. Hertsmere BC seeking to achieve Objectively Assessed Need.
- Hertsmere BC noted strong demand for Use Class B2/B8 including within Greenbelt.
- Infrastructure: Hertsmere BC has prepared a Sustainable Transport Strategy, LB Harrow to provide relevant Harrow contacts for potential cross-boundary transport issues. Hertsmere BC updating Infrastructure Delivery Plan for Reg 19, some pressures on school places. Harrow to pass matter onto Harrow Education Department, and provide Infrastructure Delivery Plan scoping report to Hertsmere BC.
- Technical Studies: Previously noted (as above) greenbelt review not being taken forward by Harrow by reason of meeting housing numbers in urban areas and national policy changes.
- Gypsy & Travellers: Hertsmere BC to review some of the proposed site allocations with intention to meet need. LB Harrow intended to meet its own need.
- Hertsmere BC and LB Harrow noted further studies and SPDs being progressed. LB Harrow to send Pan London Carbon Offsetting work to Hertsmere BC.

### **Regulation 18 Hertsmere:**

- Housing need - Would like more clarity on how housing targets, affordable housing, and older people's needs will be met.
- Industrial land - Notes high demand for warehousing, and suggests ensuring the plan is fully meeting industrial and warehousing needs.
- Green Belt - Supports pragmatic redevelopment on Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital site. Seeks clarity on what development on the edge of green belt achieves.
- Areas of Special Character - Seek to acknowledge that this crosses the borough boundary.
- Gypsy & traveller accommodation - Expect Harrow to accommodate its needs based on updated GLA GTANA.

## 15\_05\_2024 - Duty to Co-operate Meeting Matters Discussed

- LURA Discussion - Both authorities currently seeking to progress a plan under existing NPPF/ transitional arrangements
- Policy matters: Hertsmere noted it's not directly affected by the London Plan.
- LB Harrow confirmed it would meet the housing target set out in the London Plan, and that the requirement for new industrial land is modest.
- Query on Harrow's reliance on small sites allowance and reliance on London SHLAA 2017. Harrow to update housing trajectory following call for sites exercise. Also noted that Harrow affordable housing policy to be tested as part of local plan viability study. LB Harrow noted the small sites target is set out in the London plan (Policy H2) and whole plan subject to viability testing.
- Hertsmere set out that new Reg 18 document does not plan to meet OAN as per previous version with resultant less incursion into the GB. Only around 75% to be met.
- Hertsmere note less office space need but looking like an increase in B8. Awaiting the updated South-West Herts Economic Study that will estimate the required employment land for the plan period.
- Potential strategic developments near borough boundary. Noted that more may be known following LB Harrow Call for Sites / Site Allocations.
- Town centre redevelopment: No specific issues identified. Masterplan for Harrow town centre to be progressed.
- Infrastructure: Harrow has concern regarding burial space capacity, looking to undertake some evidence base which could potentially be sub-regional. Hertsmere seeking to acquire more land around existing cemetery. Hertsmere shared contact details for potential further meetings between Harrow and Hertsmere on that matter.
- Development sites close to administrative boundary: Potential impacts on traffic onto M1/A41 through new development. Harrow noted details would be submitted with any development proposals.
- Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital (RNOH) near administrative boundary. Hertsmere to support a pragmatic approach for the site.
- Potential for joint evidence work regarding burial space.

## **Regulation 19 Consultation - Matters Raised**

- Support of spatial vision, objectives, and strategy
- Acknowledge LB Harrow would meet housing need as per London Plan
- Accommodation for older people
- Local Economy
- Green Belt and Metropolitan Open Land
- Areas of Special Character
- Gypsy and Traveller provision

## **Outstanding Cross-boundary strategic matters**

- No strategic matters remain outstanding, plan is considered to be in general conformity with the London Plan.
- Limited issues will be discussed through the course of the EiP of Harrow's Local Plan. A Statement of Common Ground has been entered into between Harrow and Hertsmere and is included in the examination library.