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MD – 07-057
BY EMAIL

Dear Miss Edwards,

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION – HEDNA

We refer to the publication of the Housing & Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA) in January 2017 by GL Hearn on behalf of the Leicester and Leicestershire Authorities and the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership. By cover of this letter we hereby submit a Position Statement on behalf of our client, the Money Hill Consortium (MHC), for consideration by the Inspector.

Firstly, from a plan making perspective, we very much welcome the publication of the HEDNA as it supports the plan making process to date, although does not change the evidence supporting it.

In terms housing requirements for the housing market area (HMA), Policy S1 'future housing and economic development needs' of the submission version of the NWL Local Plan (June 2016) sets a minimum target of 10,400 dwellings (520 dwellings per annum) to be provided over the plan period up to 2031.

Whilst the HEDNA identifies an Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) for NWL of 9,620 dwellings over the plan period or 481 dwellings per annum, a slight decrease in the level of identified need, the overall housing target remains unchanged. This is the correct approach and one that is consistent with paragraph 47 of the framework which requires local planning authorities to boost significantly the supply of housing in their areas.

The planned delivery of 2,050 dwellings on the Money Hill site, amongst other things, will continue to ensure that the housing needs of the NWL are met over the plan period.

The plan has not been the subject of any objection from any neighbouring authority in the Leicester or Leicestershire area, particularly in terms of the housing target or the proposed distribution of housing.

We are therefore of the view that the HEDNA has no material impact on the draft NWL plan and it should not delay the adoption of it. In fact, the matters identified in the HEDNA are not of a level of significance that in our opinion warrants a further hearing session to be held. If anything, it confirms that no further modifications to the plan are required.

The conclusions reached in the HEDNA reaffirm our view that NWL and indeed the Leicester and Leicestershire HMA is in a very strong position to meet the housing and employment needs of the

population both now and in the future. It is for this reason that the policies within the plan for the allocation of housing sites and particularly those for Money Hill should be looked upon favourably.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MD' with a stylized flourish.

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