

## **Gedling Local Planning Document**

### **(Part 2 Local Plan)**

#### **Inspector's Question for the Council on the Housing White Paper:**

##### **Fixing our broken housing market, February 2017**

On 7 February 2017, the Government published the Housing White Paper entitled 'Fixing our broken housing market'. The proposals in the White Paper set out how the Government intends to boost housing supply and, over the long term, 'create a more efficient housing market whose outcomes more closely match the needs and aspirations of all households and which supports wider economic prosperity.'

In order to implement the vision set out in the White Paper, the Government is consulting on a range of specific planning proposals. An annex published with the White Paper provides further detail of the changes to planning policy and legislation needed to implement the proposals and sets out consultation questions where new proposals are being made. It also sets out proposals for some wider changes to national planning policy in relation to affordable housing. The consultation will run for 12 weeks and will close on 2 May 2017.

Many of the changes proposed will involve amendments to the National Planning Policy Framework. The Government intends to publish a revised Framework later this year, which will consolidate the outcome from previous and current consultations. It will also incorporate changes to reflect changes made to national policy through Written Ministerial Statements since March 2012.

The purpose of the Examination into the Gedling Local Planning Document (Part 2 Local Plan) is to test whether the Plan has been prepared in accordance with the legal requirements and is sound. The criteria for soundness are set out in paragraph 182 of the Framework. The White Paper is a consultation document on a number of policy changes to the Framework as well as to the regulatory framework for plan making and the proposals do not yet form part of Government policy. With this in mind, I wish to seek the view of the Council, in the first instance, on any implications of the White Paper for the draft Plan.

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