

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ISSUES FOR FUTURE SCRUTINY

Agenda item 5 invites the public to suggest issues that the Committee could scrutinise in the future. [**Please note:** It is not intended that there will be discussion on the issues at the meeting, as consideration will be given to whether the issues should form part of the Committee's work programme when compared with other competing priorities.]

The following suggestion has been received:

Suggestion:

Dr. R.B. Williams has written on behalf of CPRE Herefordshire to ask the Committee to explore further the Council's position relating to the 5 year Housing Land Supply and has asked a number of questions about the recent Home Farm Inquiry.

Comment:

Kevin Singleton, Team Leader Strategic Planning:

A briefing note for Members regarding the 5-year housing land position was drafted by Andrew Ashcroft (Assistant Director Economic, Environment & Cultural Services) and circulated early in December. This note includes reference to the Home Farm Appeal Inquiry (this note is attached) and covers a number of issues raised in the letter.

Specifically in relation to the Home Farm Inquiry, it was the appellants that raised the matter of the 5-year housing supply and the Council responded to this and engaged Counsel to provide advice on the methodology to be used in the calculation of housing land supply taking into account recent appeal decisions.

In the absence of an adopted and up-to-date development plan (the Core Strategy), planning inquiries such as that at Home Farm will be a key determinant in testing what an appropriate 5-year housing supply target is and assessing whether the Council can demonstrate it can achieve this target.