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Subject: Re: Rebuttal of appellant's submission dated 14th August
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PS This has also been forwarded to the other parties to the appeal

On Fri, 16 Aug 2024 at 14:35, action4 alderholt [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Holly,

We feel it necessary to rebut the appellant's submission of 14th August because it applies false logic. The appellant claims that the Written Ministerial Statement provides "strong policy support in favour of the appeal proposal" because it increases the importance given to housing land supply, and also increases HLS targets.

Although this may lead to the "presumption in favour of sustainable development" applying more often, it does not follow that the planning balance for determining appeals would be tilted in the appellant's favour.

In fact the opposite is indicated by the WMS. Referring to the presumption, the Secretary of State made clear that she is "introducing new safeguards to make clear that its application cannot justify poor quality development." As noted in our submission of 13th August, this is reflected in changes to paragraph 11dii of the draft NPPF. The appeal heard evidence of problems and uncertainties with the scheme in relation to employment, education, transport, local services and urban design.

Best wishes,

Stephen Godsall

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