1. HOR1 Land rear of 155-169 Everton Road

1.1 Is this a location sound in principle?
1.2 Is it necessary for soundness to change the indication that this site will provide around 5 homes (plan paragraph 4.73) bearing in mind that their status is described in paragraph 2.104 as indicative/guideline/not a policy objective?
1.3 Can the site deliver 70% affordable housing? If only 5 dwellings were to be permitted would the Council be seeking 3 (60%) or 4 (80%) affordable dwellings? If 70% affordable housing cannot be delivered, does it call into question the justification for the selection for this site?

Within the Local Plan, there has not been sufficient consideration of the use of brownfield sites to meet the need for additional housing provision. The existing Development Plan already allows for small scale development on appropriate sites within the defined built up area of Hordle. The large size of the village, its spread out nature and variety of housing types & ages, means that sites for in-fill development regularly become available within the built up area and can be used for affordable housing (this has already been the case over the past 20 years).

There is no sound reason for amending the ‘green belt’ to exclude this narrow strip of land, for a small number of houses on the extreme SE edge of an already sprawling village. It will not materially make a difference to housing provision in Hordle and is unnecessary loss of greenbelt.

Any change to the indicative numbers proposed for this site would not further justify housing development here, as all the points made above still apply.

Yours sincerely

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