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Dear Madam,

Great & Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan – Indicative Housing Requirement

Thank your email requesting an indicative housing requirement figure for the Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan.

We would like to confirm that the Council currently considers that the indicative housing requirement for the neighbourhood area of Great & Little Chesterford is 96 dwellings between 2019 and 2033. This is an indicative figure provided in line with the Planning Practice Guidance (Reference ID: 41-097-20190509) for the purposes of satisfying paragraph 14b of the National Planning Policy Framework.

We would like to further set out the justification for this figure. We are currently working on a new Local Plan and as yet no strategy for the newly emerging plan has been developed and consequently no distribution of housing figures has been determined. This figure therefore relies on housing figures from the withdrawn Local Plan. However, the principle of a settlement hierarchy based on the relative sustainability of settlements in the district is likely to be brought forward in the new Local Plan and will guide the housing supply distribution to towns and villages in that development in key villages, like Great Chesterford would be a major focus for development in rural areas and development in less sustainable small villages (Type B) like Little Chesterford, should be limited. Although please note, as no decisions have been taken on the new Local Plan this could change.

Based on the withdrawn Local Plan no allocations were identified for Great Chesterford between 2012 -2033. The proposed three allocations in the Neighbourhood Plan will bring forward 96 dwellings which exceeds the zero allocations in the withdrawn Local Plan. The requirement as set out in the withdrawn Local Plan has been met on sites of 6+ dwellings in Great and Little Chesterford.

As noted, the draft Great & Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan allocates 96 dwellings and up to 2033. The indicative figure of 96 dwellings will make efficient use of land resources. We therefore consider that the draft Neighbourhood Plan identifies sufficient supply to meet the current indicative housing requirement for the neighbourhood area.

As the Council's newly emerging Local Plan is developed, and clarity is developed for the district's housing requirement and the strategy for meeting these needs, the housing distribution for Neighbourhood Plans could change.

Yours sincerely

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