

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
1990 (AS AMENDED)**

**Newcastle-under-Lyme Local Plan
Examination – Response to Inspector's
Matters, Issues and Questions**

MATTER 4

On Behalf of Aspire Housing

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1. MATTER 4 - HOUSING REQUIREMENT

- 1.1 It is recognised that the Local Plan is being examined under the provisions of NPPF23 and using the previous annual housing requirement established under the Standard Method as a baseline before the changes to the Standard Method in December 2024.
- 1.2 The housing and economic needs assessment sets out that future employment growth modelling would result in a need to deliver around 400 dwellings per annum to grow the labour force and support job creation by attracting and retaining more people and growing the working age population.
- 1.3 The above is considered, as a starting point, to be a minimum requirement to be planned for in the interim, pending any subsequent Local Plan Review that the Council has proposed to undertake.
- 1.4 Should the Inspector deem it necessary for the annual housing requirement to be uplifted for the submitted Local Plan, then Aspire would support this approach in order to enhance the prospects of increased affordable housing delivery to meet identified needs.

