

THISTLEBERRY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Response to Inspector's questions re the Local Plan for Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire

MATTER SIX – HOUSING ALLOCATIONS

6.1 The range of site allocations varies from 5 to more than 1100. The larger sites are questionable in a rural/semi-rural setting and will involve the use of agricultural land and public open space. TB 23 is too close to the now closed Landfill site; SP23 is the former Golf Course (?); MD 29 is in a location that is at risk of regular flooding). Dividing up large land holding into smaller plots will have the same and eventual outcome.

6.2 Don't know but we should.

6.3 (a) From the tables it did not appear to be so.

(b) the requirements are one thing, the site suitability is another.

(c) Don't know the empty sites, slow take up and failure of sites to complete might suggest not.

(d) basic infrastructure such as sewage, public transport, the national grid are out of date and all need modernisation to meet modern and increased demand. Are there enough schools, GPs, hospital beds etc.? Development into the green belt and countryside will not assist the Green Agenda, pollution, clean air etc.. Not providing car parking spaces and car parks will not discourage use of cars.

(e) Don't know, but on past form probably not.

(f) Not sure. Perhaps there is too much flexibility in the policies which could provide side-stepping important considerations. See above.

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