



## Newcastle-under-Lyme Local Plan Examination

### DRAFT NOTE

#### **Action Point 7 – Approach to site RC14 (land off Oldcott Drive, Kidsgrove)**

##### **Introduction**

This note has been prepared by the Council and the site promotor of site RC14 and is provided in response to the Inspector's query regarding the Newcastle-under-Lyme Local Plan (CD01) and the approach of the site selection process to site RC14 (Land off Oldcott Drive, Kidsgrove).

At the time of preparing the Green Belt Assessment (Part 2), published in December 2020, the Council was preparing evidence to inform the Joint Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke-on-Trent City Council Local Plan. Site RC14 was included in the Green Belt Assessment at that time and included in the report.

The site was the subject of SHELAA submissions to both Councils to promote allocation for redevelopment from August 2009 onwards.

On the 13 January 2021, the Council's Cabinet resolved to withdraw from the preparation of a joint Local Plan with Stoke-on-Trent City Council and prepare a single Plan for Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council. The Council wrote to all site promotors at that time (and a reminder sent around the 21 July 2021) to confirm whether site promotors would like sites to continue to be considered in the development of the NUL Local Plan. No response was received in respect of site RC14. An e-mail was then received in March 2024 regarding the site but this was considered too late for the Council to consider this site through the Local Plan process as it was working towards a date of a Full Council meeting, held on the 24 July 2024.

Formal representations were made by Wardell Armstrong on behalf of the site owner at the Regulation 19 stage of Plan consultation, promoting the site for allocation.

It is now open to the site promotor to put the site forward for consideration through the update to the Local Plan that the Council is committed to through its Local

Development Scheme (with an adoption date estimated as 01 September 2028). A joint meeting to discuss this is currently being arranged.