

COUNCIL - 6TH November 2014

NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER PART 4 RULE 1 PARAGRAPH 10

FENLAND CORE STRATEGY

On 30th May 2013 Council decided to remove the March North East Housing Allocation from the Core Strategy. At that meeting the Motion, presented by Councillor Alan Melton [former Leader of the Council], was clear in its intention to remove the March North East Allocation. No reference was made at that meeting to windfall development in that allocation. In fact the Motion approved by Council stipulated that the windfall allowance (i.e. housing coming forward on unallocated sites) be increased for the rest of March by 250 homes, from 350 to 600.

No reference was made either to having a flexible approach to unallocated sites where developers/landowners could submit application of up to 249 dwellings. What the Motion did do was to increase the notional target for the number of homes coming forward at the broad location for growth at south-west March from 300 to 500.

We all understand what is meant by windfall development, and to be clear, "it is unforeseen development small in number that comes forward from time to time over the Plan period 2031" and that is not an issue, but it is certainly not major development of up to 249 dwellings in one application. The interpretation by officers, which appears to be supported by the Leader of this Council, is contrary to the spirit and intention of the Motion submitted and approved unanimously by Members (apart from one abstention).

I move that this Council reaffirms its decision made at Council on 30th May 2013 (Minute 12/13 refers) and hold to the spirit of its intention and officers be so instructed.

Signed


ClIr Peter Tunley

Date 28TH OCT 2014

March North Ward