Nottinghamshire County Council

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2012 AT 2.30PM

ADDENDUM TO REPORT 5 – ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN 2010-2023 PREFERRED APPROACH CONSULTATION

As per paragraph 17 of the report, please find below comments in relation to Nottinghamshire County Council's property interests.

Property Interests

Strong objections are raised in respect of Policy SPH2 paragraph 3 and Policy HG1Hr which seek to include Land at Broomhill Farm, Nottingham Road, Hucknall (see Location Plan) as a 'phased' residential development. Ashfield District Council seek to reserve the site for use in the later stage of the Plan period on the basis that they consider it to be less likely to assist in achieving their objectives of economic growth and also due to the district council's view that it is less sustainable compared to other identified large allocated sites contained within the Plan.

The Broomhill Farm site is, however, allocated within the Adopted Ashfield Local Plan Review as a housing land site and the above policies, which propose its identification as a 'phased' residential development site, are opposed on the grounds that this is unjustified, impractical and unreasonable. The site lies wholly within the main urban area, is well located in terms of public transport linkages, is deliverable and therefore continues to represent a wholly sustainable allocation.

In addition to this objections are raised in respect of the exclusion of a relatively small triangle of land east of Nottingham Road (A60) and to the south of the Mansfield Ashfield Regeneration Route (see Appendix 1). The inclusion of this land is considered to represent a logical 'rounding off' of the Rushley Farm (HG1Sv) allocation and the adjoining Lindhurst site in Mansfield, which has the benefit of planning permission for mixed use development including residential, and which would facilitate and strengthen the future development of the site as a whole.

It should be noted that more detailed objections concerning these two sites will be submitted directly to Ashfield District Council on behalf of the County Council from a land owning perspective.