

1. MATTER 6: STRATEGIC HOUSING GROWTH – RESERVE SITES

Response to Issue, Questions 1 - 7

- 1.1 The submission version LDP proposed to deliver 4,430 homes in the plan period against the requirement of 4,410 homes (or 294 per annum). The LDP also included reserve sites with an indicative capacity of 900.
- 1.2 The proposed alteration in the housing requirement from 294 homes to 310 homes per annum increases the plan period requirement to 4,650 homes and would require the delivery of at least 240 homes from the reserve sites, and quite possibly sooner than envisaged in the LDP. Given the issues raised by the inspector in relation to the delivery of the garden suburb allocations, we consider that additional reserve capacity should be identified within the plan.
- 1.3 EA Strategic has identified its landholdings in North Fambridge as sustainable, deliverable and capable of providing significant benefits to the local community. As such, it is capable of being identified as a reserve site. However, as the land is capable of being brought forward without any delay, it should be considered for a sustainable allocation for housing in the current plan period. The site is not constrained and is capable of being brought forward quickly.