

Inspector's Question 110

In the response to my Q31, the Council writes that “the VALP does not make provision for, nor support the inclusion of temporary port-a-cabins as a principle or on individual sites” But provisions (q) of allocation AGT1, (t) of allocation AGT3, (p) of allocation AGT4 and (i) of allocation AGT6 require “onsite health facilities and community buildings (including temporary buildings if necessary)”, so presumably the Council will be proposing a Modification to delete the references to temporary buildings. I also note the elaboration of Nicola Lester’s original letter now contained within the Council’s response which explains the ambition “to potentially create one new “super” practice” taking the form of “a multi-purpose health and social care hub” which presumably means that the three separate requirements for new “on site” provision contained within each of allocations AGT1 (q), AGT3 (t) and AGT4(p) will also require Modification in favour of a proposal for a single facility on one of the three allocations.

Response

The Inspector’s concern relating to “temporary buildings” is noted. All site allocation policies containing this reference will be amended so that the term “temporary” is removed in line with CCG representations to the VALP, and the subsequent meetings which have been held between the CCG and AVDC officers. This will only apply to GP provision and temporary buildings will still apply to community facilities where appropriate.

AGT1, AGT2, AGT3 will all be amended to remove reference to “on site health facilities” and new reference made that states “off site contributions to health facilities” to be provided.

AGT4 criteria (P) to be amended to include the following text:

Provision of an ‘on site GP health hub’ will be provided to mitigate the impact of Hampden Fields. A site will be secured for the provision of a hub for Hampden Fields, however, for future demand a further site may need to be identified and secured to accommodate further growth and service demand to increase capacity across the Westongrove partnership catchment area.