Inspector’s Note

Omission sites

A number of representations claim that the submitted VALP is unsound because it omits to allocate a particular site for development. I refer to these as “omission sites”. Because I am examining the soundness of the plan as submitted rather than the soundness of a different plan which people might wish had been submitted, the way these representations will be dealt with is as follows. I will first consider whether the plan as submitted is sound. If, and only if, I come to the view that it would not be sound either because it has not allocated sufficient sites for any particular kind of development, or because the methods or strategy used for selecting sites for allocation were unsound, then I will invite the Council to put forward suggested Modifications for additional or substitute sites, which may, or may not, include some or all of the “omission sites”. It is for the Council, not me, to propose what goes in to the plan. Only then will these “omission sites” come within my remit.

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