

## **Inspector's Question 100**

I would welcome the Council's observations on the representations commenting on the soundness of and justification for policy I2; 803 Mark Rose of Define on behalf of Bovis Homes, 1711 Cameron Austin-Fell on behalf of Richborough Estates

### **Representation**

The representations listed in the question comment on the lack of clarity in terms of what is required from new development for green infrastructure and that there are no up to date standards to comment on.

### **AVDC's response**

As part of the evidence base for VALP an Assessment of Open Space, Sports and Recreation Needs (CD.SLB.001 and 002) has been produced.

This looks at the amount and distribution of growth that comes from VALP and recommends what provision would be needed to meet the needs arising from it. This will be used to inform a more detailed schedule of requirements which will be set out in a SPD. This will be consulted on during its drafting and the council will be required to take account of the responses. This will ensure that the content reflects the concerns of all stakeholders, including those within the development industry. The SPD will supersede the 2004 Sports and Leisure Facilities SPG and 2005 Ready Reckoner formula for on and off site contributions once it is finalised and adopted. The SPD will be produced during 2019 once the policy context is established by VALP. The new SPD will set out a new Ready Reckoner, summary of the Assessment of Open Space, Sports and Recreation Needs for Aylesbury Vale and summary of a new Playing Pitch Strategy, new Built Facilities Strategy and new Strategy to encourage more people to take up sport in the district. The Playing Pitch and Built Facilities Strategies are both underway and will go under stakeholder and potential public consultation in winter 2018-19 with a view to final strategies being completed in March 2019.

Also, the plan is based on the extant Green Infrastructure Strategy which dates from 2011. The strategic vision and principles for green infrastructure have recently been updated for the County by the Natural Environment Partnership (NEP) and further work is intended to be undertaken by AVDC with the NEP and other stakeholders to update the rest of the Green Infrastructure Strategy. The strategic principles of the revised NEP strategy are reflected in VALP at paragraph 1.9 and once the detailed strategy is defined it will contribute to the content of the SPD. The timing of the work on the detailed strategy precludes its content from informing the local plan, but its content can still be taken into account as a material consideration and the proposed early review of the local plan will allow the detail to inform the next strategic plan for the area.

The VALP Infrastructure Delivery Plan (CD.INF.001) Section 3.4 includes in strategic terms where in the district open space, sports and leisure contributions would be required so some of the detail requested is contained in the plan. In addition to this there are specific site allocations which have green infrastructure requirements that are spelt out in the relevant

policies and there is also the existing ready reckoner that will apply to planning applications until the replacement one is completed.