

## **Session 5**

### **Issue 11 - Will the Plan be able to ensure a five year housing supply at the point of adoption, taking into account the need to make up any shortfall in provision from the start of the Plan period and the application of a buffer as required by paragraph 47 of the Framework?**

As outlined above, we consider that the current strategy will fail to deliver new housing at a sufficient level in the early plan period, and likely throughout the life of the Plan. The proportion of housing in the less viable areas, and focus on brownfield land, are likely to jeopardise the delivery strategy through an inability to attract sufficient house builders into the Borough.

It is also the case that a modern local housing growth market requires a larger number of smaller sites, rather than a few larger ones. The key to delivery will be providing choice to the market through location, scale and type of site, with a focus in the early stages of the more attractive locations. It is therefore imperative that the Site Allocation plan quickly follows this Core Strategy, and that it is developed alongside a full review of the Green Belt.

### **Issue 12 - Is a five year supply likely to be deliverable given the reliance on sites without planning permission and with policy constraints?**

As outlined above, the need to move quickly with the Council's Local Plan documents will be key to providing the five year supply, by, if necessary, removing policy constraints and allocating suitable, more deliverable sites.