Response to ED/26 Inspector's suggested re-draft of CS3

1. The Council broadly supports the changes suggested by the Inspector in his wording for Policy CS3. However in line with the stance set out during the hearing sessions the Council does not support the removal of the reference to phasing. As discussed at some length in the hearings this is considered necessary to allow the Council to make decisions in some instances that would result in the more sustainable growth of settlements.

2. The Council does not accept that such a policy would be contrary to the NPPF aim to boost significantly the supply of housing as we have made it clear that the Council would follow all of the guidance in Paragraph 47 regarding how this is to be achieved. There is evidence regarding how much land any given site can deliver on a year by year basis in the SHLAA even applying a phasing policy, and we will use this information to ensure that we allocate enough sites to meet both the 15 year supply and the five year requirement of deliverable sites with the phasing policy in place.