Dear Mr Morey

Chesterfield Local Plan Examination

On further reflection of the initial letter issued yesterday, I am mindful that in addition to the PPG extracts quoted on housing need, the following extract from PPG paragraph 2a-015-20190220 is also pertinent:

“Where a strategic policy-making authority can show that an alternative approach identifies a need higher than using the standard method, and that it adequately reflects current and future demographic trends and market signals, the approach can be considered sound as it will have exceeded the minimum starting point.”

As the initial letter remarks, the approach for establishing housing need is an area for the examination to explore further. There is the basis for soundness in both continuing with the OAN evidence in the SHMA or alternatively using the LHN. At this early stage of examination, the purpose of the initial letter is to understand whether there are additional arguments / circumstances in favour of continuing to use a SHMA informed housing need and conversely whether there are any issues / complications regarding LHN.

I trust this does not confuse matters further and we look forward to working with the Council on advancing the plan examination.

Yours sincerely

David Spencer

Inspector.