



**MID DEVON LOCAL PLAN REVIEW 2013 – 2033**

Proposed Submission (incorporating proposed modifications) Examination

Inspector: Paul Griffiths BSc (Hons) BArch IHBC

**Main Hearings – 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Mid Devon District Council's response to Harcourt Kerr's submission dated 05.03.19 (ED14), DLP Planning's Supplementary Submission dated March 2019 (ED15), and Additional Statement from Persimmon Homes South West dated 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (ED16) in respect of the delivery of Gypsy and Traveller Pitches**

The Council's evidence has been set out in its hearing statements to Hearing 1 Issue 7 and Hearing 4 Issue 6, which are before the Inspector. The matter was discussed at some length during the Examination main hearings.

The Council has taken into consideration the information provided in further submissions made by Harcourt Kerr (ED14), DLP Planning Limited (ED15) and Persimmon Homes South West (ED16). Notwithstanding this information, the Council believes the Mid Devon Local Plan Review to be sound in its approach to making provision for pitches for Gypsies and Travellers to come forward through the planning process. This approach is consistent with the 2012 NPPF and 2015 Planning Policy for Traveller Sites. Where matters arise that might affect the implementation of site allocations in the Local Plan Review these may be site specific and could be addressed through the consideration of planning applications submitted to the Council for determination. The Council has a public sector equality duty placed on it under the Equality Act 2010 and duty to eliminate discrimination. The requirement for the provision of pitches to provide homes for Gypsies and Travellers, alongside other forms of housing in site allocations is consistent in meeting with this duty.