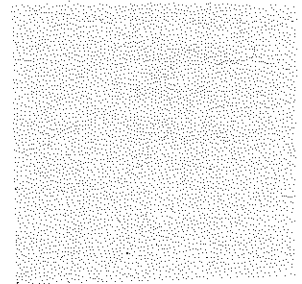


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Submission for Theme 3

Implementation and Monitoring

Matter 17                      Developmental Management

For some time I have had concerns about the accuracy of the Councils' annual Residential Land Supply. I have been around the town to all sites to assist the Council to update the figures for 31st March 2015 for the Inspector to take account of.

The attached results and comments were dropped into the Council's mail box on Saturday 25th May. These results and observations are relevant to this theme and have a bearing on the Council's approach to using commitments in totality on the basis that all of these will be delivered within the five years deliverability time-frame. The attached letter advocates some changes to the current approach and so improve accuracy and certainty.

The Inspector has raised the question about a windfall allowance. I had previously in 2012 resisted this on statistical grounds. However, the situation has now changed and the evidence would support a nominal allowance for small windfall sites.

It should be noted that at the last Local Plan Enquiry, the Inspector raised concerns about the accuracy of the reports and monitoring. Since then the Council has subcontracted this service (recently received) to another outside contractor who may well not be aware of all the relevant details for their Inspections. Ross House being just one example. However, it should be noted that the numbers of active planning officers was reduced to three some years ago. In my opinion they are under much pressure and do the best that they can.

Enclosed as an Appendix ~~IN SEPARATE WALLET, NEXT (GILLIN)~~  
~~WITH FLOW SUBMISSION SECTION.~~  
Copy of letter, data and charts delivered to Tamworth Council 25/05/2015