



RE: Rebuttal -DC/25/1327 - Land to the East of Mousdell Close

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To Sam.Whitehouse [REDACTED]

Hi Sam,

Thanks for these apologies for the delay in responding, response below.

Thank you for your detailed response and for outlining the rationale behind the proposed affordable housing mix.

While I acknowledge that the proposed mix has been guided by the Ashington Neighbourhood Plan, I would like to highlight that the Plan is now over three years old. Since its preparation, housing needs in the area have evolved, and the most recent data from the Ashington Housing Register provides a more accurate and up-to-date reflection of current demand. As set out in my earlier response, there is now a significantly higher need for larger family homes (3- and 4-bedroom properties) within the affordable housing sector.

If it can be confirmed that the proposed 3-bedroom units will be delivered as Affordable Rent rather than Shared Ownership, I would be able to offer my support for the current mix. However, if all 3-bedroom homes are proposed as Shared Ownership, then I would need to see an increase in the number of larger family-sized units before being able to support this proposal.

I appreciate your consideration of these points and look forward to receiving clarification regarding the tenure of the 3-bedroom units.

Regards

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