

**Epping Forest
District Council
Examination**

**Hearing Statement
Matter 5**

**Sworders on Behalf of
The Landowners of ONG.R1
(Eales-White, Johnson, Kerr,
Kerr, and McKinney)**

**Sworders
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This hearing statement considers Matter 5 – Site Selection Methodology and the Viability of Site Alterations, and specifically, Issue 1, Question 1.
- 1.2 It is submitted on behalf of the landowners of site ONG.R1 – Eales-White, Johnson, Kerr, Kerr, and McKinney.
- 1.3 This Hearing Statement supplements Sworders’ Regulation 19 representations made on behalf of the landowners in January 2018 (19LAD0070), and considers the Inspector’s Matters, Issues and Questions in relation to Week 3, Matter 5 of the Epping Forest Local Plan Examination.
- 1.4 **I do not wish to attend the hearing in relation to this matter.**

2.0 ISSUE 1: HAVE THE PLAN’S HOUSING ALLOCATIONS BEEN CHOSEN ON THE BASIS OF A ROBUST ASSESSMENT PROCESS?

- 2.1 In response to **Question 1**, we support the overall approach taken by the Council regarding site selection for housing allocations and consider this to be robust.
- 2.2 Specifically in relation to site ONG.R1, the Site Selection Report 2018 (EB805 and associated appendices EB805A to EB805P) fully justifies the allocation of site ONG.R1 and demonstrates that is suitable, available and deliverable with no identified constraints that would prevent it coming forward for development.
- 2.3 The initial absence of Appendix B of the Site Selection Report 2018 does not affect this support, and respondents were not in any way prejudiced as a result of this. The Appendix does not contain any new information critical to the soundness of the LPSV and, in any event, the Appendix was published for consultation prior to submission of the LPSV allowing adequate opportunity to comment.



3.0 SUMMARY

3.1 This hearing statement is submitted on behalf of the landowners of ONG.R1, who support the Council's approach to the site selection for housing allocations, and consider this to be robust and in accordance with the NPPF.