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Dear John,

**RICHMONDSHIRE LOCAL PLAN CORE STRATEGY – DEVELOPMENT TARGET REVIEW**

Thank you for your recent consultation on the above.

The Council has no objections to Richmondshire's reassessment of its development target.

The Council notes that the proposed level of housing provision (180 dwellings per annum) is significantly higher than the 80 dwellings per annum inferred by the interim mid 2011 household projections. This has the potential to reduce the net inflow of migrants from Richmondshire to Darlington Borough, but this net inflow is only a small part of the total net inflows to Darlington from all its neighbouring local authority areas, particularly Durham County. As such, the Council has no objection to Richmondshire Council's reassessment of its housing development target.

Regarding housing Armed Forces personnel and their dependants, small numbers reside within Darlington Borough, without any significant impacts on the local housing market, and no significant housing market issues are forseen for the Borough if this level of demand continues. As such, the Council has no objections to the proposal to reduce the capacity for military related housing development in response to the 2013 Army Basing Plan, and supports the approach to making provision within Richmondshire on either military or open market sites.

Regarding future provision for Gypsies and Travellers, the Council has no objections to the approach proposed to updating the Richmondshire GTAA, and would support the proposed change outlined on page 28. In addition, it has no evidence from its own work on Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs that there are any significant movements of these groups between the two local authority areas, but would welcome ongoing liaison on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

Valerie Adams
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