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Dear Kester,

Thames Farm – Housing numbers

Thank you for your letter raising the issue of where the housing numbers at Thames Farm might appropriately be attributed. Your letter also raises the relationship of housing numbers with the Joint Henley and Harspden Neighbourhood Plan.

I would suggest that the two matters can be considered separately. The development at Thames Farm was neither a Local Plan nor Neighbourhood Plan proposal, and as such the houses would be regarded in broad terms as 'windfall'. I would suggest that they appropriately be counted or attributed to Shiplake.

The emerging Local Plan for South Oxfordshire directs development to market towns, larger villages and beyond through the settlement hierarchy according to its relative sustainability credentials. The focus is for development to take place at the identified settlement, regardless of boundary, which in this case would be at Shiplake.

I would also highlight that the housing land supply position for South Oxfordshire District is measured at the District level and whether one exists at a point in time is relevant at this level. With reference to this, I can advise that the next published update to the Council's land supply position will be made available on the South Oxfordshire website before the end of this month.

Any proposal to move Neighbourhood Plan boundaries is a matter for yourselves and relevant parishes and officers would be happy to support agreed changes.

If you would like to discuss this, or Neighbourhood Plan matters further, I am happy to set up a meeting at your convenience.

Yours sincerely

H. Jones

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