

## Mid Suffolk District Council Planning Committee A

### Agenda Item 7a

DC/20/01036 - Ashes Farm Newton Road Stowmarket

#### **Amendment to recommendation (1) and see background below:**

- **Affordable Housing: Additional obligation/ authority:** That authority be delegated to the Chief Planning Officer to agree the final percentage level and tenure split of affordable housing units on the site in consultation with the Strategic Housing Officer and the Viability Adviser.
- **Travel Plan contribution – omit** as managed by planning condition

#### **Background Information:**

- Members are advised that subsequent to completion of the Committee report, the Strategic Housing Team has confirmed that its preferred tenure mix for affordable units on this site is 75% affordable rented units and 25% shared ownership units. Officers instructed a further review of viability, to reflect this requirement. As a result, the percentage amount that could be achieved on the site (18%) reflects the Team's preferred tenure mix of 75% affordable rented units and 25% shared ownership units. Notwithstanding the above, final agreement has not been reached with the applicant regarding the final tenure mix and the above recommendation would enable discussions to continue.
- Members are also advised that SCC Travel Plan officer has now confirmed that the requested contribution is now not required, and a condition recommended for inclusion on a grant of outline planning permission. The re-assessment of viability that established the 18% affordable housing provision achievable on the site included this change.
- With reference to paragraph 5.8 of the Committee report (page 29 of the agenda), and by way of clarification, the proposed alteration works to the identified junction were not supported by the Highway Authority after the likely impacts were assessed.