

Bradford Local Plan

Core Strategy Examination

**Further Statement Relating to PS/F033 – 5 Year Land
Supply**

Date: 29th April 2015

Introduction

- 1.1 This statement sets out the Council's response to comments made by Johnson Brook in PS/F077b in so far as it relates to the 5 year land supply calculation and Council statement PS/F033.

Response

- 2.1 The substantive points made by Johnson Brook in the relevant section of their statement actually relate to the housing requirement set within Policy HO1 of the Core Strategy Submission Draft. In this respect, the Council maintains its view that it has undertaken a robust and objective assessment of housing need which accords with the policy and guidance contained within both the NPPF and the NPPG. It has set its housing target at an appropriate level which will meet this need and in doing so is planning positively and securing a very large and significant boost to housing supply.
- 2.2 Johnson Brook state that in their view the 5 year land supply is at best equivalent to 2.0 years. They do not expand on this statement.
- 2.3 Within PS/F033 the Council have set out the 5 year land supply position based on the most up to date assessment of supply within the SHLAA update of May 2013 and based on the NPPF which requires the addition of a 20% buffer to the 5 year requirement where there has been a persistent under delivery of housing. The resulting calculation indicates a supply equivalent to 2.05 years. The Council maintains that this is a robust assessment. It also maintains that the absence of a 5 year land supply is not and should not be seen as a valid justification for increasing the Plan's housing target as set out in Policy HO1.