

## **DM/26/0073 – Public Note on Proposed Cascade Clause for Affordable Housing Tenure**

I wish to comment on the recently uploaded correspondence between the applicant and the Principal Housing Enabling Officer regarding affordable housing tenure. The correspondence indicates that the Council is considering the potential inclusion of a **cascade clause** within any future Section 106 agreement, allowing the tenure mix to be changed after planning permission is granted if a Registered Provider cannot be secured.

I am concerned that the introduction of a cascade clause would allow significant changes to the tenure mix **after** permission is granted, without further public consultation. Affordable housing tenure is a material planning consideration and forms part of the planning balance. Any deviation from the policy-required mix should be fully assessed at the point of determination, supported by appropriate evidence, and subject to public scrutiny.

Allowing post-permission changes through a cascade clause risks weakening policy compliance and could result in a tenure mix that has not been properly consulted upon or assessed. For these reasons, I wish to object to the inclusion of any cascade clause that would permit changes to the affordable housing tenure after planning permission is granted.

I hope these observations are helpful.

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