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Comments from Roydon Parish Council.

The parish council strongly supports the removal of site allocation ROYD.R3 from the proposed new local plan (MM92). The developer has stated that the site 'will no longer meet the developable test' and the Inspector and EFDC subsequently agreed that the site should be removed from the plan altogether. The remaining allocation of (approximately) 48 homes is consistent with the aim for Roydon to retain its rural and local character, as per the Vision for Roydon (page 154 of the Plan), particularly in view of the significant number of windfall sites which have since come forward and the allocation within the plan of over 2,000 properties at Water Lane (part of the Gilston Garden Town), again within the parish.

The parish council agrees with the requirement (MM92) that development proposals in Roydon should contribute proportionately towards appropriate education provision, including early years, primary school and secondary school places.

MM91 introduces an amendment to the Plan, in relation to infrastructure: "This includes the opportunity to improve links between the settlement of Roydon and the Lee Valley Regional Park and to support pedestrian and cycling access into the Park from Roydon Railway Station." The parish council would like to add 'subject to further work, via the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, to determine the feasibility of improving links from this rural station taking into account the constraints of the surrounding topography' into the proposed text due to constraints already identified such as flooding and a very low bridge.

many thanks

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