

## Proposed additional wording to the Justification Text of Policy L2 relating to Viability Matters

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## Introduction

At the Hearing session into Matter 6 of the Trafford Core Strategy Examination, the Inspector asked the Council to consider whether or not text should be added to Policy L2 or its justification to clarify how viability considerations will influence affordable housing requirements on a site by site basis?

## **Council Response**

Having given consideration to this matter, the Council considers that the following new paragraph should be included within the justification text following paragraph 11.17: Additionally a consequential change to paragraph 11.18 will be required to reflect the production of the Planning Obligations' SPD.

**Suggested Change 300.25** will be added to the Schedule of Proposed Changes (CD 12.4).

The outcomes of the Trafford Economic Viability Study will be used in the determination of individual planning applications. In accordance with Policy L8 of this Plan, where specific issues of viability arise, the Council will consider, on a site by site basis, whether it is appropriate to agree a reduction in the affordable housing contribution.

The mechanism and required level of evidence for the variations relating to economic viability issues will be set out in the Affordable Housing Planning Obligations SPD