

Matters and issues 1 – overall strategy

Key issues/ settlement hierarchy/ quantum and location of development/ /green belt/flood risk
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1. Do the CS vision and objectives set out a robust basis for tackling the key issues that have been identified?
 - Do they reflect an objective assessment of alternatives?
 - Is the CS Vision reference to “reducing” unmet housing need consistent with national guidance in the NPPF (para 47)
2. Is the CS supported by a robust Infrastructure Delivery Plan which:
 - identifies the essential infrastructure that is required to deliver the strategy;
 - sets out programmes and timescales for delivery, linked to the housing trajectory and timing of other development which is key to the strategy;
 - identifies agency/s responsible for bringing infrastructure forward;
 - identifies funding streams, risks to delivery and contingencies
3. Is the settlement hierarchy (KS1) based on robust evidence?
 - Does it take account of the needs of urban and rural areas and does it address local needs in the north of the area?
 - Does the definition of hamlets provide sufficient flexibility to allow development?
 - Are the following designations justified and appropriate:
 - Furzehill
 - Colehill
 - Burton
4. Is the proposed quantum of housing development (KS3) justified by the evidence? Does it:
 - take account of unmet housing need in adjacent districts?
 - take account of up to date population data?
 - allow for inward migration?
 - take account of economic/employment growth?
5. Should the housing provision:
 - allow 10% for vacancy rates and second homes?
 - provide a separate target for each Council area?
6. Is the proposed quantum of employment land (KS5) justified by the evidence?
7. Does the overall strategy take account of the balance and linkages between workforce projections and housing growth?
8. Is the need for housing to be located outside the urban areas/ in the green belt justified by the SHLAA and other evidence?
9. Is the need for employment land to be located on greenfield / green belt land justified by the evidence?