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Dear Sir or Madam

RE: VILLAGE HOUSING OPTIONS AND SETTLEMENT BOUNDARIES CONSULTATION

We represent the **West Midland Harp Planning Consortium** which includes all the leading Housing and Registered Providers (HARPS) across the West Midlands. Our clients' principal concerns are to optimise the provision of social/affordable housing and to ensure the evolution and preparation of consistent policies throughout the region.

Our comments here are intended to ensure that future policy is effective in delivering rural housing.

We are pleased to see the Council taking a proactive approach to housing provision in the District; the insetting of villages into the Green Belt is a policy direction we fully support as it will generate opportunities to construct much needed affordable housing.

With reference to the commentary in paragraph 2.13, we query how the Council might deal with any increase in the housing requirement resulting from the joint SHMA. It might be prudent to delay further work on defining the settlement boundaries until the true scale of the housing need has been objectively assessed on the basis that additional rural capacity might need to be found to ensure the needs are met. The village/parish housing needs surveys reference in paragraph 4.6 will also inform this evidence base and we are pleased these are being updated.

Yours faithfully

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For and On Behalf Of
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Enc: Response Form

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