

Part B - Commenting on the Preferred Options

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Which document are you responding to?

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PO4

Paragraph number / Heading / Subheading (if relevant)

Distribution of Sites for Housing B. Category 1 & 2 Villages

Map (e.g. Preferred Development Sites – Whole District)

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Support

Object

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Summary

We support the policy in directing new housing to sustainable villages on the basis of a settlement hierarchy. Moreover we agree it is appropriate to alter Green Belt boundaries where the more sustainable settlements are tightly constrained by the Green Belt to allow development to take place. The boundary changes should be part of the current Local Plan and not any subsequent site allocations DPD.

Discussion

Housing needs arise across the District, not just in the largest settlements. It is therefore necessary to ensure there is new housing in a range of settlements to meet local needs. Notwithstanding this it would not be appropriate to allow housing in any location as this would not be sustainable and would put greater pressure on infrastructure and the local landscape.

The two tier system of villages proposed by Part B of the Policy is appropriate and we support the proposal to direct more housing to the more sustainable settlements. This will ensure local needs can be met, and will provide additional support for existing local services and facilities.

The policy suggests that the Council will work with Parish Councils to draw appropriate boundaries within which development can take place. Discussions with Parish Councils will be an important tool in ensuring the correct sites are allocated. In respect of the Green Belt villages this discussion and subsequent drawing of settlement boundaries should take place during the current Local Plan and not be left for a subsequent site allocations development plan document. It is essential that land is allocated quickly to allow some to be brought forward to meet the high housing needs at the current time. Leaving the drawing of the boundaries to a later publication would unduly delay the process.