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Rural England

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Dear Sirs,
Allocations & Development Management
Development Management Document
Examination in Public

Please find below our additional thoughts on the above document to be put to the Inspector for his examination in public. We do not ask to make a verbal presentation.

Inspector's Draft Matters and Issues for Examination.

MATTER 2 – GENERAL ISSUES

Core Strategy: Spatial Policy 2 Housing Allocations

We believe that the arbitrary allocation of 5% of the total District Housing need to the Principal Villages was excessive especially for those Principal villages lying within the Green Belt. They had no rational basis other than a tidy number! We note the reduced allocations for these particular villages contained within the Allocations and Development Management Development Plan (A&DMD Plan) and consider these to be a considerable improvement.

Core Strategy: Spatial Policy 4A Extent of the Green Belt.

The A&DMD Plan calls for some specific areas to be removed from the Green Belt by amending or adjusting the boundaries of the Green Belt areas. However, this aspect of the Plan should not be viewed in isolation from earlier Plans which also extracted selected areas from Green Belt designation.

In the case of Lowdham, the Inspector reviewing the last District Plan was persuaded that the then proposed 'new' boundaries were secure and robust. These are the boundaries it is now proposed to amend! The same is probably true of other Green Belt areas.

The effect is that there has been a clear pattern of extracting from land within the designated Green Belt to make it available for development. Examination of maps over the past decades show this trend and in fact leaves the centres of settlements further from the Green Belt intended, in part, to safeguard easier access to open land.

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Examination of maps over the past decades show this trend and in fact leaves the centres of settlements further from the Green Belt intended, in part, to safeguard easier access to open land.

This is not in conformity with the declared Policies of the Council, and of the Government, which is to protect the Green Belt and its purposes.

We would be glad if these additional thoughts could be put to the Inspector for him to take them into account during his examination.

Yours sincerely,

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