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Local Plan Review

Regulation 18 Consultation: Standard Response Form

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1: Contact Details (Compulsory)

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2: Questions

Question 1

Do you have any comments to make about the Council's evidence base?

Question 2

Do you consider the assessment of Housing Needs to be appropriate?

Question 3

Do you consider the assessment of Employment Land Needs to be appropriate?

Question 4

Do you consider the alignment of Housing Needs and Job's Growth to be appropriate?

Question 5

Do you consider the assessment of Land Supply to be appropriate?

Question 6

Do you consider that Green Belt land will need to be released to deliver the identified growth?

Question 7

Do you consider the three identified Strategic matters being the appropriate initial focus of the Local Plan review?

Question 8

Do you agree that further land will need to be removed from the Green Belt and Safeguarded for future development needs beyond the Plan period?

Question 9

Do you consider it appropriate to include Minerals and Waste and Gypsy and Traveller needs in the scope of the proposed Local Plan review?

Question 10

Do you consider the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report to be appropriate?

Question 11

Do you consider the Spatial Distribution and Site Assessment Process at Appendix 2 to be appropriate?

Question 12

Do you agree with the assessment of Local Plan Policies at Appendix 1?

Question 13

Do you consider the proposed 20 year Local Plan period to be appropriate?

Question 14

Having read this document, is there anything else you feel we should include within the 'Preferred Option' consultation draft, which you will be able to comment on at the next stage of consultation?

3: Responses

Question 1

Question 2

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Question 6

Yes it is clear from the evidence base that the projected housing needs cannot be met using only land within the existing settlement limits. There will therefore be a need to consider the release of Green Belt land in the next plan period if assessed development needs are to be met.

We also agree that, in addition to allocations for development there should be land identified as 'Safeguarded Land' to meet potential needs during the next plan period without the need for a further Green Belt review. This would be in line with one of the key purposes of Green belts which is their permanence.

Question 7

Each of the strategic matters should also acknowledge that the purpose of the review is to identify how each can be achieved in a sustainable way that is consistent with the NPPF.

Question 8

Yes (see question 6 above).

Question 9

Question 10

Question 11

Should also consider if the release of certain sites would provide positive benefits in assisting in bringing forward major infrastructure projects that would benefit the wider area (eg release of Green Belt sites where they would help facilitate improvements to the Highway network and relieve congestion).

Question 12

It is difficult to say whether policies will need minor alterations or major alterations until the review takes place so this categorisation is premature. For example a review of one policy could well have impacts on another policy and need more than a minor alteration.

Question 13

Question 14