

EX 38 - Additional evidence relating to distribution of growth between settlements

There is no clear definition of settlement boundaries in BP17. The map in the Appendix shows blobs of colour only and no rationale to explain the way they were identified.

The arbitrary way in which boundaries have been used has enabled the Council to atomise the growth in housing and conceal the reality of its impact. We deliberately chose to use the Parish Council boundaries for our research, as people understood where they were. The use of settlements in this way, in our view, is misleading.

The statistics used in the Settlement Appraisal Matrices are undated and there is no clear link between the data and the sources, especially in the Additional Evidence document. This makes it difficult to check the accuracy and up to date-ness of the information given. It also makes it difficult to appreciate the cumulative and overall impact on facilities of concern, particularly the road and sewer infrastructures.

Safeguarded land appears to have been omitted.

There seems to be little point in trying to analyse the figures as their basis is unknown and looking at the minutia of the Plan misses its critically important feature i.e. the impact housing, population growth and their related consequence will have of the nature of the Place