

MATTER 4 – HOUSING LAND SUPPLY AND DELIVERY

Issue – Is the identified overall housing requirement in the Plan (31,140 dwellings) justified, deliverable and consistent with national policy?

Questions

- b) Should the overall housing requirement of 31,140 dwellings in the Plan be expressed as a minimum rather than an approximate figure? Should the requirement be included in a policy?*
- 1 As above, the Plan should be flexible.
 - 2 We believe greater emphasis should be given to the use of brownfield sites, sites that come available as ‘windfalls’ and the development of land already granted planning permission.
- k) Does the Plan provide sufficient clarity regarding the total number of dwellings which are proposed for allocation? Should the figure be included in a policy?*
- 1 No. The Plan lacks clarity regarding the location of sites. It is difficult to gain an overall picture and there is no simple summary of how many houses are planned for each area or settlement. The overall impression, however, is that a greater proportion of housing allocations have been made in the rural areas, contrary to the Council’s stated policy.