

## MATTER 5 – OTHER HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

**Issue – Have affordable housing needs, traveller accommodation needs and the housing needs of other groups been satisfactorily assessed and addressed in the Plan, in line with national policy?**

**Policies PLP 11, 12**

### Questions

#### Affordable housing

- a) *Has the need for affordable housing been adequately assessed in the SHMA?*
- 1 No, as above. The population projections are made across the area not by settlement or by demographic group.
- d) *Is the proposed rate of 20% affordable housing (on sites of more than 10 units) supported by the Council's viability evidence, in terms of both market housing schemes and developments with self-contained units designed for retirement living and people with specific accommodation needs?*
- 1 No as above and we have cause to question the Council's resolve to ensure developers build truly affordable houses.
- g) *Is the approach to rural exception housing in Policy PLP 11 clearly expressed in terms of the scale, type and location of affordable housing sought, and consistent with national policy?*
- Is the application of the policy to 'small free-standing settlements' justified? Are the Council's proposed modifications SPMM15 and SPMM17 ?*
  - Would provision be limited in scale?*
  - Is the policy sufficiently flexible regarding the type of affordable housing on rural exception schemes?*
  - Does the policy take necessary? to ensure that the policy is sound account of Government proposals in relation to Starter Homes?*
- 1 As above. We are concerned that lip service will be paid to these policies and challenge the Council to provide credible reassurances.

## **Housing mix**

*n) Is the requirement in Policy PLP 11 to seek a broad mix of housing from all proposals justified and deliverable?*

1 As above. We believe the focus of the Plan is on the building of houses, not homes or neighbourhoods.

*q) Does the Plan make appropriate provision for the housing needs of older people and other groups in the community?*

1 No, as above. We have concerns about the diversity of provision and what new developments will actually be like, based on our recent experience.