

Matter 6 (general housing policies), question 6.2 policy RES4.

The dwelling growth limit is not clearly justified within the policy or the written justification for the policy. The matter of settlement growth will be a varying matter between settlements based on their size and service provision. Additionally, initial housing growth may result in the growth of a villages sustainable service provision over the plan period and therefore additional development may become justifiable beyond the suggested growth limits.

On the basis of the above an arbitrary figure, as suggested within the criteria b), would not be appropriate for all villages and could stifle justifiable housing growth of the plan period

It is considered that criteria a) of the policy already deals with the matter of proportionate growth in relation to the size and function of the settlement in a more subjective and appropriate manner. Therefore, there is no justified need to include criteria b) within the policy context.

Subject to the above, it is considered that policy RES4 would be better justified and therefore better meet the test of soundness as outlined by paragraph 35 of the NPPF

I trust the above is clear for the consideration of matters raised by the Inspector.

Yours sincerely



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