

Settlement Hierarchy scenario details for discussion

Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4		
Former district council adopted Local Plans	Towns and Villages 1,000+	Towns and Villages 500+	Towns and refined villages 500+		
Some areas included a consideration the size of settlements, others didn't	Towns and all villages of at least 1,000 population would have a development boundary	Towns and all villages of at least 500 population would have a development boundary	Towns and villages of around 500 population or more would have a development boundary		
Some areas considered the existing provision of facilities within a settlement, others didn't	No consideration of existing facilities within settlements	No consideration of existing facilities within settlements	For settlements close to the 500 population threshold further consideration has been given to settlements with more than three of the following existing facilities:		
			School	Village shop	Employment site
			Health centre	Village hall	Children's play area
No real consideration of relative accessibility of settlements	No real consideration of relative accessibility of settlements	No real consideration of relative accessibility of settlements	Settlements with reasonable travel time to towns were given more detailed consideration. Travel time to nearby town considered reasonable: - less than 30 minutes by public transport - less than 15 minutes by car		

Development Boundary – A boundary drawn around a settlement within which development was generally acceptable. Outside of this boundary (i.e. in the countryside) development would normally be controlled and limited to those uses where a countryside location is essential.