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The Definition of the Settlement Boundary:Compton

The Inspector has asked the following questions:

- i) Are the policies and proposals for growth and change in this area appropriate and justified, including in relation to the NPPF/PPG, and in terms of environmental, economic and social impacts?
- ii) Are they clear and deliverable, including in respect of associated infrastructure requirements?

The definition of the Settlement Boundary is not ‘clear’ and requires adjustment to make the Plan sound.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The need for a review of the established settlement boundaries was acknowledged at the Examination of the Local Plan Part 1 – Joint Core Strategy. This was required to accommodate the development requirements of LPP1. See paragraph 110 of the Inspector’s Report “Report to Winchester City Council and South Downs National Park Authority” 11th February 2013.
- 1.2 At the LPP1 Examination the Inspector recognised individual land allocations and site specific issues as being matters for LPP2. He stated in his final report:- “This includes the review of all MTRA2 settlement and gap boundaries taking account of the above, as part of a plan led approach, in accord with the NPPF”. Wickham is an MTRA 2 settlement and is therefore included. Now is the appropriate time to ensure the boundary is correctly defined until 2031.
- 1.3 It is this issue which is addressed and which relates to the Inspector’s second question.



2.0 Settlement Boundary Review 2014

2.1 Winchester City Council published the 'Settlement Boundary Review' in 2014 as part of the work on the Winchester District Local Plan Part 2. The documentation sets out an explanation and justification of the determination of the review of the settlement boundaries. The primary objective of the review is to accommodate new development allocations. However, the purposes of defining a settlement boundary is set out in the Review paper and it provides as an example:-

- Creating an edge to existing development thereby encouraging consolidation
- Helping to separate communities and therefore to retain their individual identities
- Defining the logical boundary between area with different features and purposes.

2.2 The document also recognises other reasons for reviewing boundaries. These include allowing for the release of small sites and rounding off of boundaries to allow for modest expansion.

3.0 The Settlement Boundary in Compton/Otterbourne

3.1 A change is sought in the delineation of the settlement boundary as set out in the original Objection.

3.2 The currently defined boundary excludes land that could provide a contribution towards the housing requirements.

3.3 The Settlement Boundary Review states at paragraph 30 that 'Settlement boundaries need to be logical and easy to identify on the ground where possible.'

4.0 Change Sought

4.1 The settlement boundary requires expansion to include land that does not require the protection of the gap policy.

4.2 Without such change the Plan is not sound in respect of the need to provide more land for housing.