

Annex 6

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POLICY SG3: SETTLEMENT GROWTH: CONSERVATION OF THE COUNTRYSIDE, INCLUDING GREEN BELT

Outside the development and infill limits of the settlements listed in Policy SG2 of this Core Strategy, land will be classified as countryside and there will be strict control over new development in accordance with national and regional planning policy protecting the countryside and Green Belt.

In order to promote a sustainable pattern of rural development in those areas of the countryside outside Green Belt the following forms of development will be encouraged:

1. Affordable homes for local people in accordance with Policies HLP3 and HLP4 of this Core Strategy;
2. Rural building conversions where the building makes a positive contribution to the landscape character of the countryside preferably for economic development uses or affordable homes for local people rather than for market housing;
3. Small scale community facilities and small scale employment adjacent to a development limit where:
 - a. they cannot be located within a development limit nor be accommodated in a suitable available rural building; and
 - b. they are needed to maintain or enhance the sustainability of that community; and
 - c. they are appropriate to the service role of the settlement; and
 - d. any adverse impact on the environment and amenity is clearly outweighed by the needs of, and benefits to, that community;
4. Sustainable rural enterprises, including tourism, renewable energy and farm diversification.

Affordable homes referred to in clause 1 of this policy may be allowed within the Green Belt in accordance with Planning Policy Guidance Note 2: Green Belts or any subsequent revision of this national policy.