

1. MATTER 7: RURAL HOUSING (INCLUDING NORTH FAMBRIDGE) AND SETTLEMENT BOUNDARIES

Response to Issue 1

- 1.1 Due to the delay in the LDP examination process, the RADPD timetable will clearly be affected, as the Council will not commence work on the RADPD until late 2015 at the earliest. The rural allocations set out in this document should be forward planned, and as such, the LDP should be revised to ensure that allocations are provided within the RADPD Plan Period.
- 1.2 In response to question 4, North Fambridge as a settlement is capable of becoming a higher tier settlement, particularly in the context of the fact it is one of the few rail served settlements within the District. It has capacity to accommodate further growth of local services and facilities commensurate with a higher order settlement.
- 1.3 Furthermore, the SA, at Table 5 of Appendix D sets out the benefits of the delivery of additional housing at the settlement, as described at Paragraph 2.6 of Introduction and Response to Matter 1. In summary, this identifies the role that a greater level of growth could have in creating the critical mass necessary to support the functions of a higher tier settlement.
- 1.4 As a consequence, the position of North Fambridge in the settlement hierarchy should be revised to define it as a larger sustainable village that is capable of accommodating a higher level of growth.