



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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**Matter 2 – Vision, strategic objectives  
and strategic policies**

I know that there remain serious concerns in relation to the County Council’s site selection methodology – especially the geographical spread across the County.

You will be aware from previous responses that the current MLPPV replaces a previous Version which was withdrawn prior to Examination in Public in May 2017. The current site replaced a site at Shelford. As I understand it, the basis for this site change is the inclusion of a criteria in the latest Version of establishing a ‘geographical spread’ of sites across the County. Does this completely new criteria have the effect of ‘trumping’ adverse impacts relating to key Strategic Objectives? Further, what analysis of pattern of demand across the County has been made to explain why the Shelford site would be too large and skew the pattern of supply impacting the geographical spread of sites as per the Site Selection Methodology and Assessment?

**Could I also add my support to the inclusion of the Additional Question from Julian Coles, of Barton in Fabis Parish Council –**

**“Explain how the spatial distribution of the Plan has been informed; how the site selection methodology aligns with the results of the public consultation at the Issues and Options Stage and outline the evidence base and rationale for the proposed geographical spread of sites”.**

**As I understand it, the Inspector has now allowed a further question relating to the site selection methodology and geographical spread. This was not previously identified as an Issue and I anticipate that this was due to the County Council not submitting Barton’s original response. Could I now ask that the Inspector asks the County Council to respond to this question ahead of the Examination in Public?**