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Hi Liz,

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet which highlights the strategic policies in both Local Plan documents, the Core Strategy (adopted in 2014) and the Development and Site Allocations Local Plan (adopted in 2019). All policies in the Core Strategy are strategic. Chapter 12- Rural Areas – sets out objectives and strategies for the rural areas in the district, including development targets for each parish. Figure 12 of the Core Strategy contains the Rural Housing figure for Crowhurst.

The policies of the Development and Site Allocations (DaSA) Local Plan are generally viewed as ‘non-strategic’, however Policy DHG1: Affordable Housing refines the thresholds set by Core Strategy Policy LHN2, and Policy DHG2: Rural Exception sites refines Core Strategy Policy LHN3, both are therefore strategic policies that supersede the Core Strategy policies. DaSA Policy DEC3: Existing Employment Sites and Premises replaces Core Strategy Policy EC3 and is a strategic policy, as confirmed by DaSA paragraph 5.40.

The policies in the DaSA for the Strategic Gaps (DEN3) and Combe Valley Countryside Park (HAS1) give spatial expression to Core Strategy policies RY1 (xii), HF1(iii) and HF1(i) respectively, and therefore are also regarded as strategic as confirmed by paragraph 1.15 of the DaSA. In addition, Figure 17 of the DaSA updates Figure 12 contained the Core Strategy to 1 April 2018 (base date of the DaSA) to take account of larger housing sites (6+) completions to that date and outstanding larger site planning permissions.

Regards,

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Hi Julia,

For the purposes of the Basic Conditions, would it be right to state in my report that "All policies in the RLPCS and the Development and Site Allocations LP are considered strategic for the purposes of neighbourhood planning"?

Thanks  
Liz  
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