A Stepped Approach to Strategy Selection for the District Plan

Step 1 Step 2 Step 3 Step 5 Step 5

Ch 1: Background and Approach	Ch 2: Issues	Ch 3: Assessment Criteria	Ch 4: Places		Ch 5: Scenarios		Ch 6: Strategy	Policy
Explaining the nature of the task and the wider context	Understand the strategic planning issues	Developing 69 assessment areas and 21 topics, assessing each area against each criterion	Sieve 1: Area Assessments	Sieve 2: Settlement Evaluations	Sieve 3: Scenario Development	Sieve 4: Scenario Testing	Sieve 5: Strategy Testing	Draft policy document for consultation
Introduction District Plan Progress So Far Scope Planning Policy and the Planning System Localism and Neighbourhood Planning A Stepped Approach Consultation Refining the Approach Delivery Infrastructure Planning Sustainability	Housing Economy Education Transport Water Telecoms, Gas and Electricity Natural and Historic Environment Green Belt Community and Leisure Natural Resources	Part 1: Land Availability Employment Potential Primary Schools Secondary/Middle Schools Highways Infrastructure Vehicular Access Access to Bus Services Access to Rail Services Waste Water Impacts Flood Risk Designated Wildlife Sites Historic Assets Landscape Character Green Belt Strategic Gaps Boundary Limits Community Facilities Minerals and Waste Agricultural Land Environmental Stewardship Noise Impacts Part 2: Application of the criteria from Part 1 to the 69 areas of search, to produce a 'Traffic Light' rating	Evaluation of 69 separate areas using the criteria established in Chapter 3, and using the traffic light assessments. Local-area consideration of revised scale assumptions against initial test assumptions.	Consideration of collective impact of combinations of possible growth areas on existing settlements and the wider area. Evaluation of whether/how growth could fit within this wider context. Settlement-level consideration of revised scale assumptions. Based on Sieve 1 results plus Documents	Numerical assessment of approaches to the spread, pattern, and phasing of development. Meetings with infrastructure and service providers, biodiversity & historic environment experts, local authorities for highways, education, minerals & waste. Evidence base including SLAA & windfall study, site capacity calculations & fieldwork.	Assessment of numerical scenarios for their practical effects on a range of factors. Green Belt Review; urban characterisation; Infrastructure assessment; Transport modelling; Compliance with Habitats Regulations; Consideration of a suitable balance of housing, employment and other functions. Compliance with NPPF requirement to demonstrate a 5-year housing land supply.	Assessment of whether and how shortlisted scenarios could work in practice, in relation to infrastructure, risk assessment, contingency planning and phasing of development. Assessment of emergent settlement visions Preparation of Infrastructure Delivery Plan Formulation of strategic policies Financial viability assessment of policies by independent assessors Independent advice on transport, employment and sustainability Jobs growth forecasts Comments from key regulatory bodies including Natural England, Highways Agency, English Heritage and Environment Agency.	Including: Key Diagram Broad locations for development; Strategic Allocations; Village Strategy Infrastructure and delivery policies Monitoring Framework [others as necessary to the selected development strategy] CONSULTATION ON ALL DOCUMENTS STEPS 1-7
Appraisal.	Environmental Quality			and Feedback (Appendix B)		Refining range of possible growth levels.	Evidence base including technical studies, fieldwork, developer information	Allocations and Policies to follow Stage 7