Rotherham Core Strategy Examination

HBF - Proposed changes to Policy CS4

Policy CS4: Green Belt

Land within the Rotherham Green Belt will be protected from inappropriate development as set out in national planning policy.

A comprehensive review of the boundaries of the Green Belt will be undertaken and shown on the Proposals Map to accompany the Sites and Policies document. This review will assess land against the national purposes of Green Belt and, together with sustainability and constraints considerations, will identify sufficient land to meet housing, employment and other development needs in the borough.

Changes to the Green Belt will be considered in the following locations, as identified on the Key Diagram:

- The wider Rotherham Urban Area¹
- Principal Settlements for Growth¹
- Principal Settlements¹
- Thorcroft¹
- Two strategic sites are identified at Bassingthorpe Farm on the north western edge of Rotherham Urban Area, and at Dinnington East², which will be removed from the Green Belt boundaries; the detailed Green Belt boundaries will be defined in the Sites and Policies document and accompanying Policies Map.

Applications within the proposed locations for Green Belt changes received prior to the adoption of the Sites and Policies document will be considered with regard to the;

- Spatial distribution of growth as set out within Policy CS1;
- Councils emerging Green Belt review;
- Size and location of the proposal in relation to the scale, character and function of the locality; and
- Accessibility of the proposals by sustainable modes of transport

Consideration will be given to a review of the Green Belt in other locations, as necessary, to deliver the spatial growth strategy established in CS1 and to ensure the long term sustainability of all communities.

Land will also be removed from the Green Belt and identified as Safeguarded Land available for the longer term development beyond the plan period.

¹ Further definition of location required to provide greater clarity e.g. to the north of
² Further to discussions at later hearing sessions regarding the merits of Dinnington West this site may need to be amended.
Opportunities to support and enhance the beneficial use of the Green Belt will be pursued in the future through compensatory measures including the creation or enhancement of Green Infrastructure.