Proposed Changes to the Distribution of the Development in the Rotherham Core Strategy.

The proposed strategy at CS1 and the changes in change 28 proposed to distribute the housing allocation 2013-2028 of 14,350.

Our submissions as set in in our proposed change to CS6 is that the overall housing requirement should be increased to 15,917 [applying the Councils methodology but requiring the whole under provision to be met from 2008-2013]

Or

That the housing requirement reverts to the RS requirement of 1160 per annum giving an overall requirement of 17,400.

The latter is our preferred solution.

The overall housing requirement should however be distributed to give a greater proportion to Bramley Wickersley/Ravenfield Common and that proportion should be at least 9% of the total requirement. That would give a housing requirement of 1,300 on the Councils figures or 1,566 based on the RS requirement or 1,433 based on the Councils figures with an addition of the full backlog 2008-2013.

The reasoning for this uplift is already set out in our submissions and original objections and is supported by the transport information given in at the examination relating to the quality transport corridor along the Bawtry Road the A 631.

We have also suggested that the Bramley Wickersley area be incorporated within the Rotherham Urban area because it functions as part of the urban area and is physically part of it and should be the first location for new development being the most sustainable settlement in the Borough. This would mean that the principal urban area in the overall distribution would accommodate 47% of the growth of the Borough. Based on the current 38% proposed for the urban area and 9% added for the Bramley Wickersley.

We have suggested that Swinton/Kilnhurst should have a greater proportion of growth, and it is suggested that this should be 6% of the total rather than 4%.

The increases in proportions at Bramley/Wickersley and at Swinton could be offset by reductions in the smaller and less sustainable settlements and an increased focus on the western side of the borough.