Response to ED/22 Strategic Objectives

1. The Council welcomes support for the proposed change to objective 1: scale of future growth set out in Focused Change 16 (RSD/2). The objective as changed would read:

   “By the end of the plan period, sufficient new homes and employment opportunities and a choice of development sites will have been provided to meet objectively assessed development needs.”

2. As such the Council does not consider that the proposed change to objective 4 is necessary; it would essentially duplicate objective 1 which identifies the need to meet objectively assessed needs. Further, it is considered that the proposed wording re-iterates wording from the NPPF and as such is introducing unnecessary duplication. It is considered that objective 4 as currently worded, alongside objective 1 provides an appropriate response to the challenges and opportunities identified in the Core Strategy. The proposed rewording would not appear to cover the breadth of issues which are present in the current text.