Response to ED/23

1. RMBC welcome and support the Inspector’s suggested wording changes to paragraph 5.2.11 that clarifies that a Strategic Green Belt Review has been undertaken to support preparation of the Core Strategy; and further clarifies that the Strategic Green Belt Review, has assessed the broad locations for their relative contribution to fulfilling the purposes of Green Belt Policy as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework.

2. The Council welcomes the Inspector’s suggested amendments to paragraph 5.2.41 and the clarification that the Strategic Green Belt Review has been undertaken to support the Core Strategy including a review of the broad locations. The Council welcomes the full reference the Inspector proposes to make to the more detailed assessment of particular Green Belt land as part of the preparation of the Draft Sites and Policies Document.

3. The Council supports the suggested wording changes but does not consider that these are major modifications.

The Council also welcomes the suggested wording around the Duty to Co-operate. The Council suggests that the following paragraph which has had regard to the example words from Hastings could be included after paragraph 4.3.14

“The Council acknowledges the importance of ongoing co-operation with relevant bodies, particularly Sheffield city Council and other authorities which form part of Rotherham’s housing market area. Co-operation will therefore continue with these authorities and with other bodies as appropriate, especially with regard to housing and employment development. This will take place as the Core Strategy is monitored and reviewed in the light of such considerations as subsequent survey material, national planning policies and their implications for planning policies for the Borough.”