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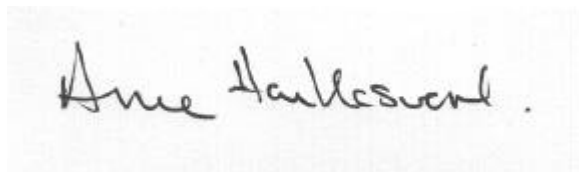
We have had a very good response to the public consultation into the first draft of the UDP and this revised deposit plan aims to reflect many of the comments and issues raised.

I am pleased that such a large number of people representing a wide range of interests including individuals, groups and business's have managed to have their say and responded with some very constructive comments. In addition to the many comments suggesting how the plan could be changed so as to improve it, there were several thousand comments supporting a range of ideas in the plan.

This revised plan has sought to incorporate many of the suggestions made by the public, with over 400 changes being made as a result. The changes include 12 new policies the deletion of 16 sites and the addition of 19 new sites. The most significant change is the delaying of development on 40 housing sites. These changes will make for a better and more responsive plan, which seeks to meet the needs of the whole District.

Our aim is to make full use of the land already allocated for development in the existing UDP and give priority to the regeneration of brownfield sites and the conversion of empty and under used buildings. This approach means that we should be able to safeguard many greenfield sites for longer.

The Council looks forward to receiving your comments on this revised Plan

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Councillor Anne Hawkesworth  
Environment Portfolio Holder.