

Q and A Responses - Session 15: Pennine Towns and Villages Key Proposals – 10th March 2021

Session Questions / Matters Raised	Response
Please outline the process for the input by infrastructure partners and then the process for public consultation after that	Updated working version of the Local Infrastructure Plan (LIP) has been produced but expecting significant infrastructure input at this stage with follow-up over the next 1-2 months. The LIP 'lives' with the local plan through to examination and is updated frequently but will next be available for public comment in detail as part of the next plan stage (Regulation 19). We will no doubt be having informal discussions with communities over the next few months where we are landing on area strategies and infrastructure issues.
So at stage Reg 19 - will there be an equivalent exercise to this current one?	The Regulation 19 consultation is more tightly defined and relates to 'tests of soundness' as set out under para 35 of the NPPF - Positively prepared – providing a strategy which, as a minimum, seeks to meet the area's objectively assessed needs; and is informed by agreements with other authorities, so that unmet need from neighbouring areas is accommodated where it is practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development; b) Justified – an appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, and based on proportionate evidence; c) Effective – deliverable over the plan period, and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters that have been dealt with rather than deferred, as evidenced by the statement of common ground; and d) Consistent with national policy – enabling the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in this Framework. The

	consultation period is for 6 weeks, similar to the current consultation.
Please could you clarify for me if the numbers of dwellings required over the next 18 years are numbers allocated to Bradford from Central Government based on projections, Bradford MDC projections or a combination of both?	Central Government has recently updated what is known as the 'standard method' for calculating a minimum annual housing need figure for the District. The Council has followed this method and the policy framework and guidance in relation to setting the district housing requirement. Where the Council differs from Government is that it has not applied the 35% urban uplift figure.
Two small sites identified in Oxenhope with some research on suitability still to be done - what's the fall back position if they prove unsuitable?	The initial fall-back position is to evaluate whether there are any other potential options for the settlement from any new sites submitted during the consultation period or the portfolio of rejected sites – particularly where additional material has been submitted which is useful in considering site constraints.
You referred to 'purdah' earlier - is the date for completion of this consultation process - 24 March - dictated by 'purdah'?	Yes - we are constrained by the pre-election period which starts shortly after the 24th March end of consultation date.