

I have the following comments on this document:

There is not sufficient emphasis within the document as a whole on an obligation to give priority to brownfield sites being developed before any development of greenfield sites is considered.

Para 1.8 of the Plan states “A Development Plan comprises of planning policies which guide decision making on development (planning applications)”. Therefore this aspect should be given substantially more weight as a planning policy in the document.

Settlement Hierarchy Assessment, sections concerning Grateley, Grateley Station and Palestine:

Table 12 in the Appendix needs updating. Now that The Plough has closed the number of Public houses is now 0, not 1.

There have also been changes to other key facilities,

1. The primary school is full to capacity with no scope for its further development. It is also not safely accessible to pedestrian traffic from Grateley Station and Palestine, both over a mile from the school.
2. Public Transport should be in the M category now that the bus service has been reduced in frequency and area served, particularly at the western end of the settlements.

Yours sincerely

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