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## South Hams Local Development Framework Rural Areas DPD Issues & Options Questionnaire July 2007

Your views are important to us and will help shape the next stage of the Rural Areas planning document. Please use this questionnaire to help guide your response to the Rural Areas DPD (Issues & Options stage).

Please return your completed Questionnaire to:

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All completed questionnaires should be received by the Council by **xxxxxxxxxxxxxx**.

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Please tick (✓) if you wish to be contacted when the Rural Areas document reaches the next stage of the process (Preferred Options).

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**Question 1 – A vision for the Rural Areas**

To assist the Council in creating a vision for this document, please indicate your priorities from 1 (top priority), listing as many items as you see fit:

- To meet communities needs locally
- To secure sustainable development
- To promote rural regeneration
- To promote rural diversification
- To prioritise developments for affordable housing and new jobs
- To protect and enhance the area's precious environmental heritage

Should any other issues be included in the vision, if so please let us know:

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**Question 2 – Sites for Housing**

*How should the 400 new houses be distributed across the villages?*

Which of the five possible options do you prefer? Please indicate your preferences from 1 (top priority), listing as many options as you see fit.

- Hierarchy - focusing on the larger villages with existing services and facilities,
- Needs Based – Using the 8 sub-areas of the Housing Market and Needs Assessment
- Area Based – Dividing the district into areas based on the market towns
- Opportunity Based – A market led approach with emphasis on delivery
- Combination - of the 4 approaches above

**Question 3 – Sites for Employment**

***How should the 3 hectares of employment land be distributed across the villages?***

**Which of the five possible options do you prefer? Please indicate your preferences from 1 (top priority), listing as many options as you see fit.**

- Hierarchy - focusing on the larger villages with existing services and facilities**
- Needs Based – Using results of the Employment Land Review**
- Area Based – Dividing the district into areas based on the market towns**
- Opportunity Based – A market led approach with emphasis on delivery**
- Combination - of the 4 approaches above**

**Can you suggest where any ‘other sustainable locations’ could be?**

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**Question 4 – Development Boundary Reviews**

**Do you think Development Boundaries are a useful means of managing development in our towns, villages and countryside?**

- Yes**
- No**

**If no, what alternative approach would you suggest to manage development?**

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**Which is your local village or town?**

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**For that settlement, please specify whether you think your boundary is:**

- drawn too tightly (i.e. you think there should be more scope for development)**
- drawn too loosely (i.e. you think there should be less scope for development)**
- about right?**

**Question 4 – Development Boundary Reviews (Continued)**

**Do you have a view concerning any other settlements? If so, which one ..... and do you think the boundary is:**

- drawn too tightly
- drawn too loosely
- about right?

**Do you think that any more villages should be given a development boundary?**

- Yes
- No

**If so, which ones?**

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**Should any villages have their development boundary removed?**

- Yes
- No

**If so, which ones?**

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**Question 5 – Access to Services: The future of the Slapton Line**

**Are there any measures that this document might include to help communities adapt to the future potential loss of the road across Slapton Line?**

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**Question 6 – Community Facilities**

**Do any existing community uses need protecting?**

- Yes.
- No

**If yes, what and where are they?**

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**Question 6 – Community Facilities (Continued)**

**If no, what alternative approach would you suggest to protect community facilities?**

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**Is there a local community initiative to provide new community facilities? If so, what are they and should land be allocated for them?**

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**Question 7 – Open Space**

**The existing South Hams development plan currently protects open space. Should we continue to protect these areas?**

- Yes.
- No

**If yes, which areas of open space should be protected and kept in that use?**

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**If no, what alternative approach would you suggest to protect open space?**

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**Question 8 – Environmental Designations**

**The existing South Hams development plan currently protects important environmental areas, such as low density areas. Should we continue to protect these areas?**

- Yes.
- No

**If yes, what and where are they?**

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**If no, what alternative approach would you suggest for these areas?**

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**Question 9 – Town Centre Zones**

The existing South Hams development plan currently designates a central area of Modbury and Salcombe for retail activity? Do you agree with this kind of designation?

- Yes.
- No

Are these retail areas a good basis for defining the Town Centre Zones in Modbury and Salcombe?

- Yes.
- No

For Modbury, do you think the Town Centre Zone should be

- drawn tightly around the town centre (focusing development in a concentrated area)
- drawn loosely around the town centre (allowing development in a less concentrated area)

For Salcombe, do you think the Town Centre Zone should be

- drawn tightly around the town centre (carefully managing retail development)
- drawn loosely around the town centre (allowing for more retail development)

**Question 10 – Do you have any other comments?**

Do you think that there are any other issues affecting the rural areas which also need to be addressed in this document? If so what are they?

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