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Sent: 03 March 2014 09:43
To: localplan
Subject: Representation to the LDP Proposed Plan

Dear Sirs,

I write in order to make representation to the LDP proposed plan - *chapter 5 Place Making and Design (PMD) - 5.4 PMD4: Development Boundaries - Paragraph 5.4.2* states that exceptions apply.

I would comment that there may also be other exceptions that should be considered and included in this policy in relation to allowing development outwith defined settlement boundaries. These should reflect changes in government policy in relation to sustainable housing design and issues of sustainability in relation to social capital and housing provision. For example, retention of a family within a community where there is no other housing stock available to meet their needs such as a family with a disabled child or adult family member as we have seen in recent LRB decisions in SBC where the requirements of the Equalities Act have come into play. The most recent case I was involved in was at Buxton, Selkirk. This case highlights the need for the planning authority to take into account the requirements of other legislation and not operate in a vacuum.

A criterion should also be developed in relation to a person/s retiring and scaling down from a family sized home to a smaller home but finding nothing appropriate within the settlement. A net gain of freeing up a family sized home within the settlement boundary may be incorporated within the criteria as the level of new build would be less onerous in spatial terms to provide a retirement home than to provide a larger family home.

Yours Sincerely

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