

## **MATTER 6 – GREEN BELT**

**Q1 In preparing the CS has the Council adequately explored the potential of land within the Green Belt to meet identified and future development needs?**

**Q2 Is the Council's approach to its Green Belt consistent with the requirements of the national planning policy framework?**

**Q3 How likely is it that existing Green Belt boundaries would need to be changed at the end of the plan period?**

- 1.1 Whilst we acknowledge that land within the green belt may need to come forward to meet current and future housing needs within the district, in accordance with the sequential test the priority should be the development of brownfield and non-green belt land first.
- 1.2 There is a need to phase development in the North Fringe to firstly to enable the co-ordinated delivery of land and secondly to ensure priority is given to non-green belt land first in accordance with the principles of sustainable development. The development of land to the West of the A4018 should therefore be phased towards the back of the plan period and this should be clearly be recognised by the core strategy within Policy CS15.