

I note your concerns regarding the possible need to carry out further work on the Sustainability Appraisal (SA). As you will be aware from the hearing sessions, an area of concern is the relevance of the RS housing figures. In this regard I have to take into account the fact that the RS remains part of the development plan and that your strategy has to be in general conformity with the RS. Accordingly, as you will see in my report which you will shortly get for fact check purposes, I have not been able to support your proposed changes which were published for consultation last autumn. I have as an exception given you this advance notice in order to assist you in making a decision as to how you wish to proceed, particularly in relation to commissioning further SA work.