

Matter 8: Natural and Built Environment

Key Issue:

Do the policies and proposals on this matter achieve the relevant objectives of the LDP in a sustainable manner consistent with national policy? Are they based on robust and credible evidence?

a) Is the wording of Policy STR13 unduly onerous; should it be qualified by 'where appropriate'? Is criterion x) necessary, given that playing fields and open space are covered by Policy EN1?

HBF supports the view that the policy is unduly onerous as it will not always be possible to comply fully with the policies requirements. In particular the need to 'connect' as this is likely to require land outside of the boundary of the site or the developer's control.