

## Response ID ANON-MWX6-MJDY-6

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### Policy SS3. Sustainable Communities (unallocated sites)

Policy SS3: Relevant context to respond to the questions below

Question 6: Looking at the options above, which option do you support?

Question 6 - Option 1: Delete the policy:  
Neither agree nor disagree

Question 6 - Option 2: Review the policy to better define meeting local need:  
Strongly agree

Question 6 - Option 3: Review the policy to enhance wider sustainability [preferred option]:  
Strongly disagree

Question 7: Please use the comment box below to explain your response or provide any additional information you would like us to consider in our review of this policy

Please, provide further context:

There needs to be a faster, easier process for small scale development. The processes are bureaucratically onerous and can only be successfully navigated by large scale developers. This means that, rather than many small developments of just a few houses which are more appropriate in villages, rural communities are plagued by large estates.

Question 8: Under what circumstances do you think new homes in the borough's smallest and least sustainable settlements are justified?

Please, provide further context:

I would repeat my above comment - encourage small scale development of just a few houses as these will add diversity of styles and function to villages and are more likely to create the housing that villages need (affordable housing, housing for older people, bungalows etc) while not despoiling the built environment.

In hose we had a large development of (I think) 32 houses that were initially due to have some affordable housing as part of the development. However, the developer was able to persuade MBC to drop this requirement s we end up with large executive houses rather than the ones the village needs.

Unfortunately this shenanigans by developers is the rule rather than the exception.

Small scale housing would be less prone to this as the developer would have less motivation or capability to massage the system in this way, while smaller developments could be fast-tracked provided they meet local requirements.

Question 9: Do you think criteria should be introduced to require homes built in the borough's smallest and least sustainable settlements to be built to the highest sustainability standards? If yes, what types of criteria do you think the policy should consider?

Please, provide further context:

All homes should be built to be as energy efficient as possible. It is a scandal that homes are still being given planning permission to be built that are not to the highest insulation standards, and without solar panel or electric car charging points.