

Policy S/SB Settlement Boundary (P51)

We acknowledge a requirement to identify existing settlements and their boundaries. It should be acknowledged however that this reflects a snapshot in time. A blanket ban should not be adopted on development outside of the settlement boundaries, as is in effect currently proposed. Rather policy should allow for the consideration of all future proposals on their respective merits in line with the NPPF.

Recommendation: Policy should not put a blanket ban on development outside of the settlement boundary, in effect pre-judging any such proposal, rather it should set out a series of criteria allowing development where needed to support and enhance a village location to be assessed on its respective merits.