

#### Matter 4: Location of Development

Settlement hierarchy, settlement limits.

Key Issue:

Is the spatial strategy coherent and based on a clear and robust preparation process? Are the spatial strategy and relevant strategic policies realistic, appropriate and logical in the light of relevant alternatives and are they based on robust and credible evidence?

a) What is the purpose of the settlement hierarchy? Will it guide new development to the most sustainable locations? Is it clear what types and amount of development, other than housing, will be appropriate in each tier of the hierarchy?

HBF has not objected to the settlement hierarchy but would note that particularly within tier 3 the sustainability of a settlement s can change , for example