

Matter 4 - Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment

Matter 4, Issue 2 - Whether the approach to environmental protection biodiversity, landscape, coalescence, countryside, green and blue infrastructure and local green space is justified, effective, consistent with national policy and positively prepared?

Q3. Is Strategic Policy 15: Settlement Coalescence sound?

c) Is there any conflict between this Policy and others in the Plan which allocate sites for development?

Response:

There is clear conflict between this policy and Strategic Policy HA18 which allocates ST01 for development despite the fact that it is in the Green Gap of the made Neighbourhood Plan for the specific purpose of preventing development between Storrington and West Chilton. Development of the site, by HDC's own admission, will contribute to coalescence not only between Storrington and West Chilton and also complete coalescence between Storrington and Thakeham.