

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF ALLERDALE LOCAL PLAN (PART ONE)

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HEARING SESSION NO.3: THE SETTLEMENT HIERARCHY

10:00 Wednesday 29 January 2014 at Allerdale House, Workington CA14 3YJ

AGENDA

1. The basis for the settlement hierarchy; sustainability criteria; the accommodation of growth during the Plan period.
2. The contribution of employment growth predictions to the settlement hierarchy: the role of the ports; the role of the rural areas.
3. The accommodation of sustainable housing growth: service-based criteria; the ranking of services; consequent changes to previous settlement hierarchy.
4. The sustainability appraisal of all alternative options; the basis for the Preferred Option; the importance of geographical distribution.
5. The regard to be paid to alternative sustainability criteria: the availability of potential development sites; the security of public transport services; the viability of rural shops; County education policy on village schools; the character of the highway network; constraints to development in higher-order settlements (e.g. flooding).
6. The basis for representations seeking increased growth in lower-order settlements.
7. The basis for representations seeking the relegation of higher-order settlements.