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Object if their' in final sentence 'their growth is key...' is referring to communities; do not object if 'their' is referring to services.

Recommendation.

Clarify this sentence

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It is misleading to simplistically suggest that creating large scale, quality residential environments supports sustainable and thriving communities. Such developments have a multitude of impacts, including negative ones that are both significant and irreversible.

The growth proposed in the LP allocations is not sustainable and does not best use existing resources and is only geared towards meeting local demand in a limited way. In addition, due to the CNPA's scant knowledge about the sites proposed for large-scale housing, there are many respects in which the CNPA cannot judge whether best use of resources is being made.

Recommendation.

Omit final sentence "The policy will allow for growth ...meet local demand".

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We support strategic settlements accommodating the majority of housing. However we consider that growth does not necessarily support sustainable and vibrant communities, and object to this simplistic inference. Losing valued countryside in communities can detract from, rather than contribute to, their vibrancy and sustainability.

Recommendation.

Omit “to support these settlements as sustainable and vibrant communities”