

# Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)

## Development of Suitability Matrix Local Policy Forum 1 May 2008 Workshop 2

### ***Comments***

- The group began the task by filling in the matrix for each of the sites.
- The group felt that the SHLAA Matrix was quite comprehensive in terms of the range of issues that were covered, and a decent starting point for the assessment of the suitability of sites for housing.
- However, the group decided that the matrix was not an adequate assessment on its own, and would require a follow up analysis of sites because of the lack of detail within the questions in the matrix.
- It was suggested for 'Stage B, 2. Environmental Issues' that a possible option for site B would be to just develop half the site for housing so that any trees, hedgerows or areas of ancient woodland would not be affected.

### ***Improvements to Matrix (including additional factors to be considered)***

- The group felt that more information was needed on modes of transport in the "Sustainability: Access to public transport" category.
- It was felt that actual details of frequencies of public transport/timetables would be helpful.
- The group thought that greater detail on access to other community facilities (not just convenience stores and schools) would be beneficial.
- The group were unsure whether the distances in the matrix were calculated in terms of a safe walking route, or "as the crow flies".
- A few lines after each question within the matrix may be helpful for any comments or questions that the respondent(s) may want to make.