

SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL FOR THE LOCAL PLAN UPDATE FURTHER ISSUES AND OPTIONS AND LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENTS

- 4.2 The Panel discussed the Sustainability Appraisal for the Local Plan Update Further Issues and Options and Land Availability Assessments at its meeting on 4th September 2024.
- 4.3 Following an observation from Councillor Howell on the quality of the data listing local services, the Panel were advised that local Parishes had been asked for their input on this and that the data was as good as the feedback which had been received. Following a further question from Councillor Martin on the dates of the data within the report, the Panel heard that Stage A of the process had been completed 2 years prior and that more relevant up to date data would be introduced as the project developed through the Stages.
- 4.4 In response to an observation from Councillor Gardener relating to the TING bus service, the Panel heard that the information in the report was relevant to a point in time and was the information provided by transport providers across the district.
- 4.5 The Panel were assured, following a question from Councillor Martin that several environmental bodies would be consulted as part of the process including the Environment Agency.
- 4.6 Following a further question from Councillor Gardener, on the amount of houses that have been built in comparison to the potential amount of houses proposed, the Panel heard that this information is included in the Further Issues and Options consultation document in chapter 6. The amount of houses required will be developed and incorporated as outcomes of the NPPF consultation are known and included as the Plan moves forward.
- 4.7 Following the discussion, the Panel were informed that their comments would be added to the Cabinet report in order for an informed decision to be made on the report recommendations.