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Dear Mrs Fallon

**HEREFORDSHIRE CORE STRATEGY – PROPOSED MAIN MODIFICATION – CONSULTATION  
RESPONSE**

I am writing this consultation response as Leader of Herefordshire Council and with the full support of all my Cabinet colleagues.

We are strongly of the view that housing growth in the County will best be enabled by providing appropriate flexibility for delivery through Neighbourhood Plans. With that in mind we wish to recommend a small number of revisions. We believe these revisions will provide for greater clarity and internal consistency and will promote the delivery of housing growth in Herefordshire. Our proposed revisions are shown as track changes on the enclosed copy of the consultation document and are as follows:

**MM036 Page 43, paragraph 4.8.11**

In line 2 delete 'the settlements identified in each HMA' and insert 'each parish.'

**MM037 Page 46, paragraph 4.8.19**

In line 3 between the word 'Within' and the word 'these' insert 'or adjacent to'.

**MM037 Page 47, paragraph 4.8.25**

In the sentence 'On this basis, housing proposals will be expected to reflect the range that is required in the settlement concerned' replace the word 'in' with the word 'for'.

**MM037 Page 48, paragraph 4.8.26**

In the sentence 'These plans will be the principal mechanism by which new rural housing will be identified, allocated and managed' delete 'identified,' and 'and managed'.

In the sentence commencing 'The target represents a level of growth for settlements ... ' replace the word 'settlements' with the word 'parishes'.

Delete the next sentence (commencing 'For individual settlements ... ') and insert 'The main focus for development will be within or adjacent to existing settlements.'

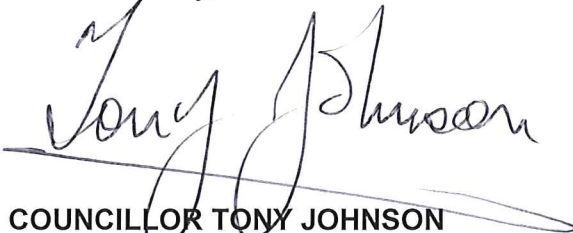
**MM037 Page 48, policy RA2**

After the last word on line 2 ('in') insert 'or adjacent to'.

Please let me know if it would be of assistance for me to expand upon our reasoning behind these suggested revisions.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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**LEADER OF HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**

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