

Edenfield Village Residents Association

Chairman;

Paul Bradburn.

PUBLIC EXAMINATION OF ROSSENDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S LOCAL PLAN.

RESPONSE TO M.I.Qs

Matter 2 j. Policy SD2 in Rossendale Council's Local Plan submission dated March 2019 states that "All new development in the Borough will take place within the Urban Boundary defined on the Policies Map, except where development specifically needs to be located within a countryside location and development enhances the rural character of the area"

We would argue that while the Council wishes to have 400 plus houses in Edenfield, this is a village completely surrounded by Green belt and must therefore constitute a rural location. We do not argue that these houses may be needed but that they do not need to be in a rural location like Edenfield and we have shown in previous submissions (Sept 2018) and below that there are alternative Brown Field sites and others such as the re-use of empty houses which could make up the plots needed. We would add that regarding the final sentence of this paragraph it is impossible to understand how a development of 400 plus houses would enhance the rural character of the area. Accordingly we feel that the proposed developments in Edenfield are in breach of this policy and seriously undermine the soundness of the plan.