

Rossendale Local Plan Examination – Matters, Issues and Questions

Matter 8 Statement

Hollins Strategic Land
August 2019

1 Matter 8 – Approach to site allocations and Green Belt release

Question g – Has a comprehensive assessment of capacity within built-up areas been undertaken? Have all potential options on non-Green Belt land in the countryside been assessed?

- 1.1 The release of Green Belt land should effectively be seen as a last resort and authorities should exhaust other options, including the allocation of land in the countryside.
- 1.2 HSL promoted countryside land off Burnley Road, Loveclough for housing and the site was allocated as part of H13. HSL then submitted an application (no. 2018/0554) for outline permission for up to 80 dwellings which was approved by the Council in May 2019. Since the approval, HSL has secured an interest in the land to the immediate west. This is also open countryside, as opposed to Green Belt, and can provide a further 35 dwellings on a locationally sustainable site that has developer backing.
- 1.3 This is discussed further in HSLs Matter 9 Statement, but demonstrates that not all potential options have been assessed¹.

¹ It is of course acknowledged that HSL has only recently sought to promote the extension to H13