

SCHEDULE OF ACTIONS MATTER 2 VISION AND SPATIAL STRATEGY (Action 2.2)

Settlement Hierarchy

2.2	Provide further information about the evidence base for the spatial strategy and produce a new supporting document which clarifies the sustainability / ranking of each settlement.
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1 Introduction

1.1 This note has been prepared in response to the above action, following discussion of the emerging Local Plan spatial strategy and, in particular, the Settlement Hierarchy set out in Strategic Policy SS: Spatial Strategy. A draft settlement hierarchy had been produced in the Strategy Topic Paper which was published in support of the draft Rossendale Local Plan (Regulation 18 stage) and which was submitted as part of the evidence base for the Local Plan Examination (library ref. [EB001](#)).

1.2 During the hearing session on Matter 2 and spatial strategy issues, the Council were asked to re-visit the draft settlement hierarchy, including the criteria to be used in determining where settlements fell in the hierarchy, provide further evidence on the number and types of facilities in each settlement listed and update policy SS where necessary. This is set out in Section 2 below

1.3 In summary, this has resulted in the following changes to the settlement hierarchy set out in the Submission Version of the Local Plan are:

- Edenfield – now an Urban Local Service Centre
- Britannia, Broadley/Tonacliffe and Facit moved from Urban Local Service Centres to Rural Local Service Centres
- Stubbins moved from Urban Local Service Centre to Rural Local Service Centre
- Newchurch, Rising Bridge and Shawforth added to list of Rural Local Service Centres
- Lumb (near Water) added to list of Villages / Substantially Built-up Frontages

1.4 If these changes are accepted, this would need to be consulted on as a Main Modification.

2 Settlement hierarchy criteria

2.1 The section below sets out the Council's revised settlement hierarchy, based on the settlement types sets out in Strategy Policy SS (settlements in italics are new to the hierarchy).

2.2 The settlement hierarchy sets out the key characteristics which are considered to apply to the different levels in the settlement hierarchy. These are based on the range of existing facilities that each settlement contains. Appendix 1 provides more details on the

facilities identified in each settlement. Please note that this note was prepared during the 2020 pandemic. Facilities monitoring will be regularly updated in future, including site visits where necessary.

KEY SERVICE CENTRES

Key characteristics

Town, District or Local Centre;
High frequency bus service;
Education (range of primary schools and/or secondary school);
Health services: GP's, Dentists, Pharmacy;
Community facilities;
Range of sports / recreation facilities
Leisure facilities

Table 1: List of Key Service Centres:

Emerging Local Plan	Based on revised criteria
Rawtenstall	Rawtenstall
Bacup	Bacup
Haslingden	Haslingden
Whitworth	Whitworth

URBAN LOCAL SERVICE CENTRES

Key characteristics

Local Centre, Neighbourhood Parade OR more than one shop, including grocery/convenience store or other key service;
High frequency bus service;
Education (primary school);
Health service: GP, Dentist or Pharmacy;
Community facilities;
Recreation / sports facilities
Leisure facility

Table 2: List of Urban Local Service Centres

Emerging Local Plan	Based on revised criteria
Brittania	
Broadley/Tonacliffe	
Crawshawbooth	Crawshawbooth
	Edenfield
Facit	
Helmshore	Helmshore
Stacksteads	Stacksteads
Stubbins	
Waterfoot	Waterfoot

RURAL LOCAL SERVICE CENTRES

Key characteristics

At least three of any of the following:

*Neighbourhood Parade, Grocery/convenience store, other key service or other A1 retail
Medium frequency bus service;*

Education (Primary school);

Community facility;

Recreation, sport or leisure facility

Other facility

Table 3: List of Rural Local Service Centres

Emerging Local Plan	Based on revised criteria
	Brittania
	Broadley/Tonacliffe
	Facit
Loveclough/Goodshaw	Loveclough/Goodshaw
	<i>Rising Bridge</i>
	<i>Shawforth</i>
	Stubbins
Water	Water
Weir	Weir
Whitewell Bottom	Whitewell Bottom

SMALLER VILLAGES AND BUILT UP FRONTAGES

Key characteristics

At least one of the following characteristics:

Grocery/convenience store, other key service or other A1 retail;

Bus service;

Education (Primary school);

Community facility;

Recreation, Sport or Leisure Facility

Other facility

Table 4: List of Smaller Villages and Built-up Frontages

Emerging Local Plan	Based on revised criteria
Acre	Acre
Chatterton	Chatterton
Cowpe	Cowpe
Ewood Bridge	Ewood Bridge
Irwell Vale	Irwell Vale
	<i>Lumb</i>
Sharneyford	Sharneyford
	Stubbins
Turn	Turn

Definitions

Retail Hierarchy

- Town, District, Local Centres and Neighbourhood Parades – as set out in policy R1

Other retail / key service

- Supermarket, grocery, convenience store
- Other key services such as hardware store, post office, bank, building society

Public transport

- High frequency bus service: half hourly or more frequent
- Medium frequency bus service: hourly

Health Services

- GP, Dentist, Pharmacy

Education

- Nursery school, Primary School, Secondary School, College

Community facilities

- Community centre, village hall, place of worship with hall/community space, library/mobile library

Sport / recreation

- Gym, sports centre, sports hall/court, dance/fitness studio, swimming pool
- Sports club/field, playing pitch
- Play area, public open space, recreation routes e.g. cycle path, significant walking route

Leisure

- Public house, theatre, cinema, cultural facilities such as art gallery, museum

Other facilities

- Café, restaurant, take-away
- Other A1 retail and other services such as hairdressers, ATM, petrol station, car repair/garage

Appendix 1: Settlement Hierarchy ranking using revised criteria

Settlement	Retail hierarchy	Retail / Key Service			Public trans	Education			Health			Community facility			Sport and recreation			Leisure		Other		
		Supermarket/Grocery/Convenience Store	Post Office	Bank/building Society	Bus service	Primary School	Secondary School	Nursery School	GP Surgery	Pharmacy	Dentist	Community Centre / Village Hall	Place of worship with community space	Library/Mobile library	Sports ground, playing pitch	Gym, Sports hall, swimming pool	Public open space / recreation route	Public House	Arts, theatre, cinema, cultural facilities	Café, Restaurant, Takeaway	Other A1 retail	Other e.g. petrol, station, garage, hairdressers, ATM
Bacup	DC	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Haslingden	DC	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Rawtenstall	TC	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Whitworth	LC	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Crawshawbooth	LC	•			•	•			•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	
Edenfield	NP	•			•	•	•		•	•		•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	
Helmshore	NP		•		•	•			•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Stacksteads	NP				•	•	•		•	•		•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	
Waterfoot	LC	•	•		•	•	•	•		•		•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	
Britannia			•		•	•										•	•	•	•	•	•	
Broadley/Tonacliffe					•	•										•	•	•	•	•	•	
Facit	NP				•	•						•				•	•	•	•	•	•	
Loveclough/Goodshaw					•			•				•				•	•	•	•	•	•	
Newchurch		•			•	•						•				•	•	•	•	•	•	
Rising Bridge			•		•	•			•					•		•	•	•	•	•	•	
Shawforth					•	•						•				•	•	•	•	•	•	
Stubbins		•			•	•										•	•	•	•	•	•	
Water		•			•	•						•				•	•	•	•	•	•	
Weir					•	•						•				•	•	•	•	•	•	
Whitewell Bottom					•			•			•					•	•	•	•	•	•	
Acre					•											•	•	•	•	•	•	
Chatterton												•				•	•	•	•	•	•	
Cowpe																•	•	•	•	•	•	
Ewood Bridge														•			•	•	•	•	•	
Irwell Vale																	•	•	•	•	•	
Lumb												•					•	•	•	•	•	
Sharneyford					•	•											•	•	•	•	•	
Turn																•	•	•	•	•	•	

Key Service Centre
Urban Local Service Centre
Rural Local Service Centre
Village / Substantially built-up frontage

