SETTLEMENT PROFILE WHITSOME

This profile should be read in conjunction with the relevant settlement map.

DESCRIPTION

Whitsome is located 7 miles south-east of Duns. The population of the village according to the 2001 Census was 51. Whitsome is located outwith the Strategic Development Areas (SDA) identified in the SESplan.

PLACE MAKING CONSIDERATIONS

Whitsome is a settlement of linear form that follows an east to west direction and commands significant views over the Merse and the Cheviots to the South. A variety of property type is evident in the village, from traditional row cottages to more modern detached houses. An allocation is safeguarded for business and industrial land to the east. There is 5 C-Listed Buildings in the settlement.

Whitsome is located outwith the SDA and no further land is allocated in the village in this Local Development Plan (LDP). Beyond the LDP period further development to the west of the village is restricted due to the poor road access. The surrounds of the settlement are designated as prime agricultural land.

INFRASTRUCTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Affordable Housing will require to be provided under the provisions of Policy H1 and the Supplementary Guidance/Supplementary Planning Guidance on Affordable Housing.

A contribution towards Berwickshire High School will be sought to supplement Scottish Borders Council's investment in the new school which opened in 2009-2010 under the 3 High Schools project.

With regards to Waste Water Treatment Works and Water Treatment Works, Whitsome currently has sufficient capacity. There is limited environmental capacity in the receiving waters.

Further information is available from Supplementary Guidance/Supplementary Planning Guidance on Developer Contributions and Planning Briefs where applicable.

DEVELOPMENT AND SAFEGUARDING PROPOSALS

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL SAFEGUARDING

SITE REFERENCE	SITE NAME	SITE SIZE (HA)	INDICATIVE SITE CAPACITY	
zEL24	Waste Transfer Station	0.9	N/A	
Site Requirements				
• The site is safeguarded as a district business and industrial land site under Policy ED1 Protection of Business and Industrial Land.				

KEY GREENSPACE

SITE REFERENCE	SITE NAME	SITE SIZE (HA)
GSWHIT001	Play Area	0.1

