

Examination Note: LP2 and LP4 - Riseholme

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At the start of the hearing session on 29 November 2016, the Inspector asked for a short note on why the Committee is seeking a modification which deletes Riseholme from Policies LP2 and LP4. The following explains the reasoning.

At a previous hearing session Riseholme was discussed, and clarification sought as to whether the university campus formed part of the 'village' of Riseholme. It was confirmed at that session that it was not, and as such the Committee agreed to clarify this in the Local Plan (via a modification).

However, post that discussion, the Committee has investigated Riseholme further to determine whether, in principle, it meets the status of a 'small village'. Separately, the Parish Council has been in touch with the Committee to likewise question the village's status as a 'small village'. The Committee agrees that, in the case of Riseholme, there is no single cluster of at least 50 dwellings which could constitute a 'small village' with an identifiable 'developed footprint'. It should not, therefore, be listed in Policy LP2 and LP4 as a 'small village'. Instead, development in the small groups of dwellings which form Riseholme would be considered under the provisions of the 'hamlets' element (as suggested to be modified) of the policy.

In conclusion, therefore, the Committee is suggesting, by way of a modification, that Riseholme be deleted from Policies LP2 and LP4.