Question 1

Do you think we've chosen the right growth scenarios to consider? If not, what other scenario(s) should we consider and why?

No, the scenarios were all chosen to test the Government's housing targets. This is clearly the driving force behind the Review. Other scenarios such as environmental capacity or energy minimisation should have been considered.

Question 2

Do you have any comments on the four growth scenarios?

See comments in Committee report enclosed.

Question 3

What is your preferred growth scenario and why?

See comments in Committee report enclosed.

The regional impacts of the growth scenarios

Question 4

Do you agree we have covered all the regional impacts of the four scenarios that have been identified? If not, what else should we have addressed?

No. The historic policy split between the two growth areas and other parts of Central Bedfordshire should be addressed.

A focused review of the Plan

Question 5

Do you agree that the vision and objectives of the current Plan remain suitable for the revised Plan. If not, what changes would you make and why?

Yes

Question 6

Do you have any evidence to suggest that policies other than those identified need to be updated or created?

No

Supporting information

If you have looked at the more detailed supporting information then we would welcome any comments you might have on those, including possible directions of growth for towns and cities:

Supplementary Question 7

Do you have any comments on the sub-area profiles?

We have commented in depth at pre-submission stage on the sub-area profile for Luton and Central Bedfordshire. Our principal concern remains the failure to distinguish between those parts of Central Bedfordshire that are growth areas and those which are not.

Supplementary Question 8

Do you have any comments on the Integrated Sustainability Appraisal. Is there any further information that should be taken into account?

No