

**WILTSHIRE COUNCIL  
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK  
SOUTH WILTSHIRE CORE STRATEGY  
REVIEW DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION  
ISSUE 7: RURAL AREAS AND  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS  
ON BEHALF OF  
PERSIMMON HOMES AND  
THE WILTON ESTATE**

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### **Q7.1 Rural Areas and Neighbourhood Plans**

*Is sufficient provision made for housing development in the rural area?*

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7.1.1 Persimmon and Wilton Estate consider that a simple numerical analysis shows that sufficient provision is made for housing development in the rural area.

7.1.2 We have excluded the Wilton community area from this analysis in view of the re-distribution between Wilton and Salisbury. The provision for the remaining rural area in the submitted Core Strategy and the focused changes is as follows: -

	<b>FOCUSED CHANGES</b>	<b>SUBMITTED CORE STRATEGY</b>
<b>REST OF AMESBURY</b>	295	690
<b>DOWNTON</b>	190	190
<b>REST OF SOUTH WILTSHIRE</b>	365	550
<b>MERE</b>	200	270
<b>REST OF MERE</b>	50	0
<b>TISBURY</b>	200	160
<b>REST OF TISBURY</b>	220	270
<b>TOTAL</b>	1520	1630
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	-110 (7%)	

7.1.3 This shows there has been a re-distribution within and between some of the community areas, but that overall there has only been a small reduction in the total of 110 or 7%. Given that the overall reduction in housing numbers from 12400 to 9990 equates to a 20% reduction, this indicates that the proportion of housing allocated to the rural areas has increased. Therefore, Persimmon and Wilton consider the Core Strategy does make sufficient provision for the rural areas and is therefore not unsound.

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## **Q7.2 Rural Areas and Neighbourhood Plans**

*How would development proposed as part of neighbourhood plans and community right to build schemes be accommodated?*

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- 7.2.1 Persimmon Homes and the Wilton Estate accept that development proposed in neighbourhood plans needs to be consistent with the Core Strategy. However, we do not consider that there will be a demand from communities in rural areas for the levels of market housing which cannot be otherwise accommodated within the Core Strategy housing figures. Where we do think there will be a desire in rural areas is for provision of affordable housing. We therefore think that this will be capable of being brought forward as exception schemes within the context of neighbourhood plans, if necessary.
- 7.2.2 Persimmon and Wilton also consider that the resources required to deliver neighbourhood plans, together with the referenda requirements will limit their use.
- 7.2.3 Therefore, Persimmon and Wilton do not consider the Core Strategy is unsound.