

Matter 1: Core Policy 1 – The Amount of Development

Questions 1.1 and 1.2

- 1.1 Shieldtype consider that significant weight ought to be attached to the emerging Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS). Although a further Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the Proposed Changes to the RSS is being undertaken, this exercise is principally directed towards the additional Areas of Search proposed by the Panel who conducted the Examination in Public and the Secretary of State.

- 1.2 The Secretary of State has indicated that considerable weight should be afforded to the RSS Proposed Changes and this is consistent with the approach being adopted towards the preparation of the Core Strategy.

- 1.3 There is no suggestion (nor evidence) that either the housing or the employment provision identified at RSS Policy HMA11 will be materially changed as a consequence of the outcome of the SA process. It is also noted that the former Salisbury District Council did not specifically object to the level of growth included in the RSS Proposed Changes. Accordingly, the housing and employment requirements identified in the RSS, provided they are treated as minima, represent the appropriate basis to prepare the Core Strategy.