

Matter 2: Core Policy 1 – The Distribution of Development – Settlement Hierarchy

Questions 2.1, 2.3 and 2.4

- 2.1 For reasons of location, size and sustainability, the RSS settlement strategy properly directs significant growth towards Salisbury and, consequentially, the City has the status of a Strategically Significant City (SSCT). It is not for this Core Strategy to amend this status. It is then logical to establish a hierarchy below this SSCT to distribute some limited growth towards other settlements which possess a range of facilities and can be considered sustainable locations.
- 2.2 Shieldtype does, however, question whether it would be appropriate for more than 2,500 dwellings to be directed towards the Amesbury Community Area. This level of growth appears proportionally excessive for the size of Amesbury and other settlements within this particular Community Area. Instead, having regard to the recognised merits and status of the SSCT, it is considered that some of the Amesbury Community Area's growth (say 50%) ought to be redirected towards Salisbury.