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Site H25
Energy & Sustainability Statement

1. The site H25 is included as a housing allocation in the 2016 Policies Map Local Plan Draft currently undergoing examination by the Planning Inspectorate.

   Sites are allocated for housing in accordance with policy H1 of this Local Plan.

   The Local Plan Publication draft 2016 indicates that the site H25 requires an archaeological assessment and this is provided as part of the planning process. The site is located within the Principle Town of Penistone, one of Barnsley's principle towns which are a focus of growth as set out in Core Strategy Policy CSP8, "The Location of Growth" and the acknowledgement that a five year supply of housing cannot currently be identified although much progress has been made with current negotiations with the Planning Inspectorate as part of the current validation process.

2. The site is clear of any constraints to its development and is deliverable in terms of its ownership pattern as both site owners are cooperating to deliver the site for residential use. The NPPF is an important consideration which states that a presumption in favour of sustainable development should be at the heart of every application decision. The site has been evaluated in terms of PAN30.

3. The site is modest in scale but close to the town centre with an extensive range of facilities and amenities within Penistone including supermarkets, restaurants, a cinema, sport and recreation facilities and various medical services. All of these facilities are within walking distance of the site centre. The site conforms to CSP25 (New development & sustainable travel) as it reduces the need to travel and is accessible to public transport by rail and bus services located at the centre. The site itself is unlikely to create any major transport impact on the town centre and its related infrastructure.

4. The site is within walking distance of several schools, Penistone Grammar School can deliver excellent local education for residents of the new site at senior stages.

5. Although the present proposal is in outline only, the submitted layout indicates the requirement for a separate footpath system within the scheme to encourage walking to various facilities of the town centre.

6. The development of the site will progress at more detailed stages including the design details and final context of the agreed scheme. It is not possible to present final details of the technology to be used to service the buildings in energy terms but it is expected that the houses will be developed to the Building Regulations Requirement in terms of energy performance of the structures on site as a minimum.

7. The 2016 Local Plan Consultation document states (5.56) "We want Penistone to be the main focus for development in the Borough's rural west facilitating its renaissance as a market town and maximising its tourism role" The development of the H25 site is in line with the stated aspiration and will be a sustainable and attractive addition to the town's residential offer.

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