South Somerset District Council Supplementary Responses to the ExA's Written Questions – Deadline 2: 23rd January 2019

			SSDC Response
ExQ1	Question to:	Question:	
1.9.2	SSDC	Baseline What is the current situation as regards the proposed Garden Settlement?	A Garden Settlement off the A303 was submitted for consideration by the District Council as part of the Issues and Options consultation on the Local Plan review. The Preferred Options document which will be taken to the District Executive on 7th February 2019, does not propose the allocation of the Garden Settlement because at this point in time the Council is able to identify enough sites to meet the housing need and has not made the decision to commit the resources to actively pursue a Garden Settlement proposal in relation to this Local Plan Review. However, this is something it may wish to consider in the future. It should be noted that the District Council might take an alternative view to officers and the Examining Authority will be updated of any changes following the District Executive meeting on 7th February.
1.9.5	SCC	 Baseline a) Can the Councils confirm that they agree with the long list of sites identified in Table 14.6 of the ES Chapter 14 [APP-051]? b) Are the Councils aware of any other developments which should be included within the cumulative assessment? 	In addition to the response given to Q1.9.5, the Local Plan Review is also reconsidering the settlement hierarchy with the potential of including a village category in that hierarchy. Sparkford is identified as a potential village. Any such designation would bring an additional level of growth to the settlement. It should be noted that the District Council might take an alternative view to officers and the Examining Authority will be updated of any changes following the District Executive meeting on 7th February.