**GREATER CAMBRIDGE LOCAL PLAN (GCLP) – FIRST PROPOSALS**

**REGULATION 18: PREFERRED OPTIONS**

**REPRESENTATIONS: BLETSOES – VARIOUS CLIENTS**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. We act for various landowning clients and we are promoting sites in their ownership for residential development (please see separate representations to chapter S/RRA Allocations in the Rest of the Rural Area).
2. On behalf of our clients, we make the following comments on the Regulation 18 Preferred Options Consultation.

**S/SH: SETTLEMENT HIERARCHY**

1. The settlement hierarchy should be reconsidered in terms of the roles that settlements play in terms of service provision for neighbouring settlements. For example Comberton hosts a very successful Village College which provides support for the wider area. In addition the GCLP should also consider settlements proximity to other settlements that offer a range of services. For example the Eversdens are close to Comberton and so benefit from easy access to a range of services. Closely proximate settlements should also be analysed for the service provision that they provide on a combined basis rather than looking at each settlement individually.
2. To ensure service provision is maintained and enhanced the rural settlements should be considered for housing allocations proportionate to the size of the settlements. Appropriately sized allocations that are well related to the existing form of the settlement will help to deliver a broader range of housing stock including affordable housing.