

What will happen after the Regulation 18 consultation?

- Reviewing all of the consultation responses – using technology to assist but this is still a huge exercise
- **Assessing any new sites** that are submitted and obtaining the relevant evidence to understand their suitability
- Updating our knowledge on proposed allocations where more information is available such as services, how the site will be delivered, viability and highways work.
- Work to **understand the deliverability of large strategic sites** and when these could start.
- **Further testing could result in sites becoming unsuitable, reduce site capacity or site deliverability** in the plan period i.e. reduce numbers overall or if new sites are submitted then it may mean that we do not need to release certain sites.
- If a site is not included in the local plan, then **we will need to defend that position** with robust evidence at examination
- If a site is included, we will need to demonstrate why it is a better site than other sites that we have excluded.
- **We can only achieve this through more testing and additional evidence being gathered**