

## **Matter 8: Natural and Built Environment**

Key Issue:

Do the policies and proposals on this matter achieve the relevant objectives of the LDP in a sustainable manner consistent with national policy? Are they based on robust and credible evidence?

a) Is the wording of Policy STR13 unduly onerous; should it be qualified by 'where appropriate'? Is criterion x) necessary, given that playing fields and open space are covered by Policy EN1?

**HBF supports the view that the policy is unduly onerous as it will not always be possible to comply fully with the policies requirements. In particular the need to**