

**Appendix B**

<b>Purpose of Document</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Head of Service</b>	<b>Committees</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Deadline for Response</b>
On 4th June the Council received a consultation document from SPARSE asking for a response to 16 questions about sustaining rural communities.	Area North (Rural Perspective)	Corporate Director (Economic Vitality)	Portfolio Holder	Mark Pollock, Corporate Director (Economic Vitality) 01935 462401	13/07/2007
Request for submissions of evidence and opinion on the work of the Councillors' Commission on the incentives and barriers to people serving as councillors.	Leader of the Council	Head of Legal & Democratic Services	Portfolio Holder	Bob Gillis, Democratic Services Manager 0193 462563	20/07/2007
Planning for a Sustainable Future- the Government has published a White Paper which sets out a wide-ranging package of reforms to the Planning system including proposals "to streamline the process in the town and country planning system, improve the ability of local authorities to shape their local communities, and ensure that there is a stronger approach to supporting sustainable economic development alongside work to tackle climate change in a way that is integrated with the delivery of other sustainable development objectives. The role of ministers in setting policy will be strengthened and an independent body will be established to take decisions. The White Paper also sets out proposals for extending public and community engagement in the system."	Economic Development, Planning and Transport	Head of Economic Development, Planning & Transport	District Executive	Simon Gale, Head of Development & Building Control 01935 462723	17/08/2007
Consultation document issued by DEFRA seeking views on approach to commencing statutory right of application and appeal for diversion (or extinguishment) of public rights of way. Includes proposal on charges/fees and directions to process applications in a fixed period. This will have impact on Legal and Democratic Services which administers rights of way.	Finance, Revenues and Support Services	Head of Legal & Democratic Services	Portfolio Holder	David Shears, Rights of Way Officer 01935 462115	31/08/2007