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9. Thriving coastal and rural communities

Question 8a: How should we manage development in rural areas? Should we:

Have settlement boundaries across the District; or

Question 8b: Do you have any comments on these policy approaches?

Please provide comments (250 words max):

Keep the village settlements boundaries because they are essential, especially to the villages close to the M5 on the eastern side. As we do not wish to lose the charm and quintessential character of Somerset villages and countryside, they should be protected at all costs. Otherwise, things become anonymous and look the same as everywhere else.

Any development to the east of the M5 would create a soulless dormitory for Taunton, requiring great infrastructure investment.

Development needs to be focused on Taunton town centre, thus creating more jobs and attractions to encourage people to visit and make greater use of facilities and the emphasis for this should be on brownfield sites and NOT greenfield sites.