

Hastings Borough Council reply to Inspector's note on design – changes to ID/8 shown in red

The number of dwellings set out in the Proposed Allocations Policies is purely indicative, showing what might be achieved on each site. Of **principal and** greater consequence for every scheme, however, will be matters which include design, height, mass, appearance, layout, trees and relationship with the surroundings including nearby buildings and views of the Borough's natural and historic assets. These considerations, rather than indicative numbers, will provide the guidelines to ensure a development worthy of the site and its surroundings. For development within Conservation Areas, the Council will insist on schemes of distinctive design, quality and character consistent with the statutory requirement to pay special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the Area. A similar approach will be taken with regard to any scheme which would affect the setting of the Conservation Area.