

## **App 7. RALC responses to consultations.**

The RALC Exec committee discussed if and to what extent RALC should engage with and respond to consultations. The key points that emerged were

1. Yes, we should at a policy level. RALC has not generally responded to consultations before. For example, ref the RDC local plan we would not engage or respond to site allocations but if there was a consensus on policy we could. E.G Infrastructure before development.
2. Consultations can be technical and a good understanding of the subject is needed. Any response must be “corporate” reflecting the RALC view but we will need a champion or group to manage and draft any response. All communications must flow via the RALC secretary. Comms must be timely; we cannot wait for quarterly meetings.
3. We will need to know which consultations are pending or in play and decide if we will respond or not.
4. ESALC have considered much the same questions. Their thoughts are that responses would need if anything to be strategic and policy lead, and informed by the district views.

Members are asked to consider this proposal and discuss at the RALC meeting in April.