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**8.1** Settlement boundaries of those settlements within the defined settlement hierarchy will be re-drawn around the developable areas of the housing allocations, plus around those sites which have been identified as suitable to include within a revised settlement boundary (generally sites suitable for development which are below the usual threshold for allocation).

**8.2** The proposed criteria for the review of the settlement boundaries are set out below:

#### Criteria 1

##### Proposed Settlement Boundary Review Criteria

- Long established close knit development (forming the main settlement)
- Follow clearly defined features
- The curtilage of dwellings are included (unless functionally separate)
- The developable areas of allocated housing sites are included (strategic sites and sites allocated through the DPD)
- Small sites submitted through the SHLAA considered suitable for development, but below the usual threshold for allocation
- Areas with planning permission adjacent to settlement
- Agricultural buildings are excluded

**8.3** These criteria for more detailed settlement boundary reviews are being consulted upon as part of the Preferred Options consultation on the Housing Site Allocations DPD. This will enable further work to be done on revising the settlement boundaries before the DPD is submitted to the Secretary of State.

**8.4** Following the preferred options consultation on the Housing Site Allocations Development Plan Document, the settlement boundaries will be reviewed for those settlements within the settlement hierarchy, taking into account the developable areas of the sites allocated for development and small sites considered suitable for development, but too small to be allocated through the DPD. Following the consultation, the settlement boundary criteria will be confirmed and the boundaries reviewed accordingly. The new boundaries will then be included in the publication version of the DPD, for further consultation at the end of 2014.