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Policy	Change.
EN1	Add to 'purposes': <i>"This policy does not apply to development covered by the NSIP process and to which a DCO applies."</i>
EN2	Add to 'purposes': <i>"This policy does not apply to development covered by the NSIP process and to which a DCO applies."</i>
EN2	Amend last part of policy to read: <i>"The impacts on the historic environment are justifiable and can be mitigated."</i>
OC1	Amend policy to read as follows:  <i>"Residential development in the open countryside (land not adjacent or in close proximity to the major settlements, primary and secondary villages) will only be permitted where it can be demonstrated that either:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>• Such a location is essential for a rural worker engaged in eg: agricultural, forestry, horticulture, equestrian or hunting employment. (Applications for such dwellings would be considered subject to a functional and financial test. Where permission is granted consideration would be given to this being initially made on a temporary basis), or:</i></li> <li><i>• it is provided through the conversion of existing, traditionally constructed buildings in association with employment or tourism purposes as part of a work / live development, or;</i></li> <li><i>• it meets an ongoing identified local need for affordable housing in the nearby settlement which cannot be met within or closer to the settlement, or;</i></li> <li><i>• it is an affordable housing exceptions scheme adjacent to, or in close proximity to, a settlement in the open countryside permitted in accordance with policy SC4(5)."</i></li> </ul>
CC2	Replace "to new and existing development" with "elsewhere".
CC6	Delete the word 'cumulatively' from the policy.
NH3	the last sentence of the second bullet in the policy to be amended to read: <i>"Where habitat is replaceable mitigation techniques need to be proven."</i>
NH4	Add to the end of the first bullet of the justification: <i>"Stream and river corridors are a key example of green infrastructure."</i>