The agenda sets out the main topics on which the discussion will be focused, taking account of the submitted evidence, representations and written statements. This Matter considers whether, at a high level, there are exceptional circumstances to redefine Green Belt boundaries through the Plan. At a detailed level, the justification for the proposed site allocations in the Green Belt, as well as other changes to its boundaries, will be considered in the Stage 2 hearings.

1. Sufficiency of the evidence on:
   a. acuteness/intensity of the objectively assessed need
   b. potential for reuse of brownfield sites and underutilised land, estates regeneration and surplus public land
   c. optimisation of densities on land that is suitable and available for development
   d. capacity of neighbouring authorities to accommodate some of Runnymede’s identified needs

2. a) Justification for the scale of the proposed releases and the effect on Green Belt purposes, b) justification for not identifying safeguarded land, and c) consequences for the permanence of the Green Belt boundaries

3. Effect of the proposed releases on broader purposes served by the Green Belt e.g. provision for outdoor sports and recreation, countryside access, landscape, visual amenity and biodiversity

4. Implications of the proposed Green Belt releases as a whole for the achievement of sustainable development

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