

## **Matter 11: Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Allocations**

Week 3 Session 8

*Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025*

***Action: To check whether the RLCE Allocations were included in the AONB Environs Studies***

The Malvern Hills AONB Environs (ENV1) and the Cotswolds AONB Environs (ENV2) Studies were undertaken in 2019 prior to the RLCE Site Assessment process which began in March/April 2020 with the Call for Sites. Notwithstanding, all proposed allocations would fall outside of the Study Search Area Boundaries within the Malvern Hills AONB Environs and Cotswolds AONB Environs Studies. The impact of the proposed allocations on the National Landscapes and their settings was nevertheless a key consideration in the site assessment process as set out in the RLCE Background Report (ALL8) and where it was considered that adverse effects on the National Landscapes or their settings could not be mitigated, sites were ruled out accordingly.