

Figure 4.8 Braes and Rural South (Northern Urban Area) Housing

Braes and Rural South

Rural South Villages

4.36 Collectively, the population of the Rural South area has remained relatively stable over the last five years, in spite of a lack of housebuilding. Low demand had led to little activity or development interest on most allocated sites. Consequently, rationalisation is proposed with some sites de-allocated, including most of the Slamannan Strategic Growth Area. Opportunities are retained in most villages to allow for the possibility of new homes in the future. The proposed new settlement at Whitecross is currently stalled, and will need the preparation of a new masterplan. Consequently, the expected output of houses from this development in the initial plan period has been reduced.

4.37 **Preferred Option**

Rationalise existing allocated housing sites, with some sites (including most of the Slamannan Strategic Growth Area) de-allocated to better reflect low market demand, but with the Whitecross Strategic Growth Area (site 76) retained along with selected sites in other villages.

Existing Housing Supply	Additional Housing	Growth Potential
2020-2030	2020-2030	2030-2040
332	0	High

Alternatives

- 1. Retention of all existing sites.
- 2. Extend the Whitecross Strategic Growth Area, through the allocation of additional land to the south of the B825 (site 157) as part of the masterplanned new settlement.

How does this differ from LDP1?

The preferred option involves removal of a number of sites currently allocated in LDP1. The first alternative would involve no change from LDP1. The second alternative would involve extending the Whitecross Strategic Growth Area.

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