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**Monday 21st January 2013**

**Mock SDME January 2013 – Backyard syndrome – why could the building of key settlements in rural areas be controversial**

**Section A - The Background**

**Question 1**

Use **Resource 1** to describe how the global proportion of the population living in urban areas is changing. (2)

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**Question 2**

Use **Resource 2** to describe and explain the differences between the population structures found in urban and rural areas in England in 2009. (4)

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**Question 3**

Use **Resource 3** and your own knowledge to explain why there is a housing crisis in Britain. (6)

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**Section B - The Options**

**Question 4**

Use **Resources 4 & 5** to explain what is needed for a settlement to be sustainable. (4)

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**Question 5**

Use **Resources 4 & 5** to explain why some people think building new settlements is the most sustainable way to provide new homes, whilst other people think we should use existing settlements. (8)

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**Section C - The Decision**

**Question 6**

Use **Resources 8**, **9, 10, 11,** plus your own knowledge and any ideas from other resources in the booklet. The Leicester City Council has to make a sustainable decision about whether to build a new settlement near Leicester.

Write **two** letters to Leicester City council.

Your first letter should state the views of a person who fully supports the plans to build on this area outside of Leicester. Emphasise why this is the sustainable option. Make sure your argument is focused on this area and not generalised.

Your second letter should state the views of someone who is opposed to the policy of building on greenfield sites. Explain why this is not sustainable and what other options could be used instead to provide the required housing.

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**Letter one – in support**

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