## Site Criteria

The site criteria are:-

Sites should be a minimum of 15 acres\*;

Close to or within large urban conurbations;

Within 1 hour (peak period) of key courts serving the key location in the region;

Reasonable good access to public transport and to major roads (motorways/A roads).

Sites with shorter access times to courts and centres of population will have higher priority;

Sites should not be overlooked;

Be of regular shape;

Preferable brownfield

Reasonably level;

Not normally have significant public rights of way;

Capable of taking buildings up to 4 storeys;

Manageable contamination if applicable;

Should not require major road building/not have access difficulties;

Not have significant restrictions on existing buildings or include listed buildings that could prevent development;

Possible to connect main services easily and without unreasonably high cost; Not normally green belt;

\* Preference is for sites which would provide scope for a large prison of around 1,000 places and up to 1,500 places. However, smaller sites are considered particularly in key locations if large sites are not available.