

## HIERARCHY OF SETTLEMENTS

The current planning policy for residential development in the villages is set out in the Council's "**Interim Housing Policy (July 2009)**"

In this policy, the "**settlement hierarchy**" comprises three categories, namely:

**Limited Development Villages**, wherein additional development is permitted on specific sites identified by the Council together with suitable infill plots (these are: Deanshanger, Middleton Cheney and Old Stratford).

**Restricted Infill Villages**, wherein additional development is restricted to suitable sites within the village "confines" as defined on village constraints maps. With the exception of a few small hamlets (see below), this category includes all of the other villages in the District, including Sulgrave.

**Restraint Villages**, being a number of small hamlets where permission for residential development is only granted in exceptional circumstances. These are: Alderton, Courteenhall, Passenham, Castle Ashby, Hulcote and Thenford