

Regulation 18 Consultation Statement



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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Statement of Consultation sets out how the Council has carried out engagement with local residents, community groups, businesses, other organisations and stakeholders in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the relevant statutory requirements.
- 1.2 This document outlines the approach taken and provides a high-level summary of the outcome of the Regulation 18 consultation, undertaken by the Council between 20th June 2022 to 14th August 2022.
- 1.3 Summaries of representations received and how these have informed the preparation of the Regulation 19 Publication Draft Local Plan can be found in Appendix A - Q of this document.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

- 1.4 The Local Plan consultation was carried out in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. Regulation 18 represents the first statutory stage in preparing a Local Plan and specifies who must be notified of the preparation of the plan and that relevant stakeholders must be invited to make representations on the content of the plan and that these representations must be taken into account.
- 1.5 The purpose of this statement is to set out how the Council has carried out engagement with local residents, community organisations, voluntary bodies, businesses and other organisations in the preparation of the draft plan.
- 1.6 The production of this statement is a requirement set out by the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and, accompanying the Regulation 19 submission Local Plan, must set out:
 - Which bodies and persons were invited to make representations under regulation 18
 - How those bodies and persons were invited to make such representations
 - A summary of the main issues raised by those representations
 - How the main issues have been addressed in the local plan.
- 1.7 All consultation and engagement activities have been carried out within the context of paragraph 16 (c) of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (September 2023) which states that plans should:

“be shaped by early, proportionate and effective engagement between plan makers and communities, local organisations, businesses, infrastructure providers and operators and statutory consultees”.

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 1.8 The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) provides information about how the council will engage with the public and relevant consultees in the preparation of Local Plan documents and in the assessment of planning applications. The Regulation 18 consultation was undertaken in accordance with the provisions set out in the Statement of Community Involvement.

2. WHO WAS CONSULTED

- 2.1 The Council is required to ensure that Statutory consultees and organisations are consulted on the draft Local Plan. When developing statutory documents, the Town and Country Planning Regulations (Local Planning) (England) (2012) states those groups that must be included in the consultation process.
- 2.2 Table 1 identifies the Statutory Consultees consulted as part of the Regulation- 18 draft Local Plan.

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| • Arqiva | • Natural England |
| • Avonline | • NECA |
| • Briskona | • Network Rail |
| • CCG | • Newcastle City Council |
| • City Fibre | • NHS |
| • Coal Authority | • North Tyneside Council |
| • CTIL | • Northern Gas Network |
| • Durham County Council | • Northern Powergrid |
| • EE | • Northumberland County Council |
| • Environment Agency | • Northumbrian Water |
| • Gateshead Council | • NTW Solutions (NHS Foundation Trust) |
| • National Highways | • Openreach |
| • Historic England | • South Tyneside and Sunderland Healthcare Group |
| • Homes England | • Sunderland City Council |
| • House Builders' Federation | • Sport England |
| • Marine Management Organisation | • Wildcard networks |
| • National Grid | |

- 2.3 The consultation was also sent to other organisations and stakeholders registered on the Council's Local Plan Register of Consultees. These consultees are identified in Table 2.
- 2.4 In addition, residents and interested parties registered on the Local Plan database were also notified of the Regulation-18 consultation.

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| • AECOM | • Durham Cathedral | • National Farmers Union | • Walton |
| • Anton Lang Planning Services | • Durham wildlife Trust | • NFU | • Ward Hadaway |
| • Alzheimer’s Society | • E-planning | • NLP Planning | • Whitburn Golf Club |
| • Avant Homes | • East Boldon Neighbourhood Forum | • Northumbria Police | • Whitburn Neighbourhood Forum |
| • Banks Property | • ELG Planning | • North East Maritime trust | • Whitburn Village residents association |
| • Barratt Homes | • Engie | • Outdoor Advertising Consultant (for British Sign and Graphics Association) | • White Young Green |
| • Barton Willmore | • England golf | • O'Briens | • William Leech (Investments) Limited |
| • Bellway | • Fairhurst | • Pegasus Group | • Women’s Health in South Tyneside |
| • Bliss=ability | • Garden History Society | • Persimmon Homes | • Wood plc |
| • BHPD | • Go Northeast | • Plainview Planning Ltd | • WYG |
| • Big Tree Planning | • Galliford Try | • PlanInfo | • Youngs RPS |
| • BNP Paribas | • George F White | • Rapleys | |
| • Boyer Planning | • Gleeson | • | |
| • British Sign and Graphics Association | • H&H Land | • Rise | |
| • Centre for sustainable energy | • Harworth Estates | • RP Wood Planning | |
| • CPRE | • Hedley Planning | • Savills | |
| • Client Earth | • Keep Boldon Green | • SITA | |
| • Countryside Properties | • Home Group | • Spawforths | |
| • CT Planning | • Husband and Brown | • SSA Planning | |
| • Cundall | • ID Partnership | • Stephenson Halliday | |
| • Cushman and Wakefield | • Indigo Planning | • The British Horse Society | |
| • Cussins | • Jon Tweddell Planning | • Story Homes | |
| • Department for Education | • KLR Planning | • Taylor Wimpey | |
| • Department for Transport | • Lichfields | • Tetlow King | |
| • D2 Planning Limited | • LSH | • The Sirius Group | |
| • DPDS | • Marrons Planning | • Turley | |
| • DPP Planning | • Miller Homes | • Turvey Westgarth | |
| • DTZ | • National Federation of Gypsy liaison Groups | • Urban River | |
| • Durham Bird Club | • Nexus | • Tyne and Wear Museums | |

3. HOW WE CONSULTED

3.1 The Spatial Planning Team worked closely with the Council’s Communications Team to ensure that the Local Plan consultation was widely publicised and reached as many residents and stakeholders as possible. The following section details the methods used during the consultation process.

LETTERS/ EMAILS

3.2 An email/ letter was sent to Statutory consultees and individuals/ organisations on the Local Plan database on 16th June 2022. A further letter was sent on 15th July 2022 detailing the extension to consultation period.

Initial letter -16th June 2022

Dear Sir / Madam

South Tyneside Draft Local Plan (Regulation 18) and Sustainability Appraisal

South Tyneside Council has prepared a Draft Local Plan 2021-2039 for consultation to ensure we have an up-to-date long term strategy to guide future development across the Borough to 2039.

A Local Plan sets out the vision and a spatial framework for the future development of a Council area within a plan period, usually 15- 20 years. Local Plans address the needs and opportunities in relation to housing, the economy, community facilities and infrastructure. They also act as a basis for protecting and enhancing the natural environment, adapting to climate change, and securing good design.

As a statutory consultee or as someone who has previously requested your details are retained on our Consultee Database, I am writing to inform you that public consultation on our draft Local Plan will run for 6 weeks from **Monday 20th June to Sunday 31st July**. We would like to receive your views on the policies and proposals as well as any other issues you think the Local Plan should address.

As part of this consultation, copies of the draft Local Plan will be placed in South Shields Town Hall and Jarrow Town Hall. The Council will also be publishing the Local Plan, supporting documents and consultation material online at Formal question and answer sessions are planned at the following locations where officers will be available to deliver a short presentation and answer with any questions you might have.

The following question and answer sessions will start with a short presentation:

| Date | Venue | Time |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------|
| Monday 4 th July | Hedworthfield Community Association, Cornhill, Jarrow, NE32 4QD | 6pm – 8pm |
| Wednesday 6 th July | East Boldon Junior School, North Lane, East Boldon, NE36 0DL | 6pm – 8pm |
| Thursday 7 th July | Cleadon Methodist Church, 8 Sunderland Road, Cleadon, SR6 7UT | 6pm – 8pm |
| Friday 8 th July | Whitburn Parish Hall, North Guards, Whitburn, SR6 7JH | 6pm – 8pm |
| Tuesday 12 th July | Jarrow Focus, Cambrian Street, Jarrow, NE32 3QN | 10am – 12pm |
| Thursday 14 th July | Hebburn Central, Glen Street, Hebburn, NE31 1AB | 10am - 12pm |
| Monday 18 th July | Reception Room, South Shields Town Hall and Civic Offices, Westoe Road, South Shields, NE33 2RL | 10am – 12pm |
| Tuesday 19 th July | Cleadon Methodist Church, 8 Sunderland Road, Cleadon, SR6 7UT | 10am – 12pm |
| Wednesday 20 th July | Boldon Community Association, New Road, Boldon Colliery, NE35 9DS | 6pm – 8pm |

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| Thursday 21 st July | Hedworthfield Community Association, Cornhill, Jarrow, NE32 4QD | 10am – 12pm |
| Friday 22 nd July | Boldon Community Association, New Road, Boldon Colliery, NE35 9DS | 10am – 12pm |

Presentations will also be given at your local Community Area Forum:
<https://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/38452/Community-Area-Forums-CAFs->

The Local Plan is also informed by wider technical reports and supporting evidence including Habitat Regulations Assessment, Employment Land Review, Green Belt Review, Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, and Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

From the start of the consultation, everyone will be able to access and download the Draft Local Plan, supporting technical reports and evidence and response forms from our dedicated webpage. This is also the quickest and easiest way for you to respond: [haveyoursay.southtyneside.gov.uk/](https://www.haveyoursay.southtyneside.gov.uk/)

Comments must be made in writing and returned by **11.59pm on 31st July 2022** via www.haveyoursay.southtyneside.gov.uk; by email to Local.plan@southtyneside.gov.uk or alternatively by post to: Spatial Planning, Development Services, Economic Regeneration, South Tyneside Council, Town Hall and Civic Offices, Westoe Road, South Shields, NE33 2RL.

This is not our final word on the Plan. Your comments will be used to help us develop the formal ‘Publication’ draft of the Plan which itself will be consulted upon prior to its submission to the Secretary of State for its formal public Examination before an independent planning Inspector.

If you require any further information regarding this consultation, please do not hesitate to contact the Spatial Planning Team via telephone number 0191 424 7385.

Subsequent letter – 15th July 2023

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As a statutory consultee or as someone who has previously requested your details are retained on our Consultee Database, I am writing to inform you that the public consultation on our draft Local Plan has been extended by a further **two weeks**.

The consultation will now run for 8 weeks from **Monday 20th June to Sunday 14th August 2022**.

We would like to receive your views on the policies and proposals as well as any other issues you think the Local Plan should address.

As part of this consultation, copies of the draft Local Plan will be placed in South Shields Town Hall and Jarrow Town Hall.

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CONSULTATION EVENTS

3.3 In-person consultation events attended by Council officers were arranged at different times and venues across the borough. In total 16 events took place: 11 Information sessions and 5 Community Area Forums (CAFs). Table 3 provides the details of the in-person events.

3.4 The information sessions included a short presentation on the draft Local Plan followed by questions and answers. Each event was attended by the Local Plan Team and was chaired by an independent chair person. In total at least 418 people attended the in-person consultation events.

| Date | Type of Event | Venue | Time | Attendance |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------------|
| Monday 4th July | Information session | Hedworthfield Community Association | 6pm – 8pm | 81 |
| Tuesday 5th July | Riverside CAF | Reception Room, South Shields Town Hall | 10am | - |
| Wednesday 6th July | Information session | East Boldon Junior School | 6pm – 8pm | 75 |
| Thursday 7th July | Jarrow and Boldon CAF | Jarrow Town Hall | 10am | - |
| Thursday 7th July | Information session | Cleadon Methodist Church | 6pm – 8pm | 70 |
| Friday 8th July | Information session | Whitburn Parish Hall | 6pm – 8pm | 10 |
| Monday 11th July | Hebburn CAF | Hebburn Central | 10am | - |
| Tuesday 12th July | Information session | Jarrow Focus | 10am – 12pm | 5 |
| Thursday 14th July | Information session | Hebburn Central | 10am – 12pm | 25 |
| Thursday 14th July | East Shields and Whitburn CAF | St. Gregory’s Church Hall | 6pm | |
| Monday 18th July | Information session | South Shields Town Hall | 10am -12pm | 15 |
| Tuesday 19th July | Information session | Cleadon Methodist Church | 10am -12pm | 38 |

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| Wednesday 20th July | Information session | Boldon Community Association | 6pm – 8pm | 20 |
| Thursday 21st July | Information session | Hedworthfield Community Association | 10am – 12pm | 39 |
| Friday 22nd July | Information session | Boldon Community Association | 10 am – 12pm | 30 |
| Thursday 28th July | West Shields, Cleadon and East Boldon CAF | Cleadon Methodist Church | 10am | 10 |

COMMUNICATIONS – MATERIALS

3.5 A range of consultation materials were produced to support events and to publicise the consultation. These have included:

- **Outdoor Banners** – large banners highlighting the consultation were visible in eight locations across the Borough, targeting high traffic areas.
- **Postcards** – postcard leaflets were produced to distribute at Information sessions and help people to record their representations.
- **Leaflets** – leaflets advertising the Local Plan were produced and distributed to key locations to promote awareness and engagement.
- **Animation video** – a digital animation providing an overview of the Local Plan was made available on the Local Plan webpages, social media and was played at in-person Information sessions.
- **Electronic advertising screens** - promoted the consultation via two electronic advertising screens at the A194 next to Mill Lane roundabout and on King Street in South Shields town centre. The A194 alone carries an average of almost 37,000 vehicles per day.
- **Plasma screens** - promoting the consultation were visible throughout council buildings throughout the 8-week consultation period.

COMMUNICATIONS – PRESS RELEASES

3.6 A series of news releases were issued at key milestones including Cabinet consideration, Cabinet decision, launch of the consultation and extension of the consultation period. In addition, reactive media enquiries being dealt with throughout. This resulted in nine stories in the local and regional press carried in both print and online, in addition to being shared across news outlet social media channels (Table 4).

Table 4: Regulation 18 Press Articles

| Title | Date of Press article | Weblink |
|---|-----------------------|---|
| Major planning document sets out blueprint paving way for 5,000 new homes in South Tyneside | 8/6/22 | https://www.shieldsgazette.com/news/politics/council/major-planning-document-sets-out-blueprint-paving-way-for-5000-new-homes-in-south-tyneside-3724002 |
| Next steps agreed for draft development policy which could see more than 5,000 new homes built across South Tyneside | 16/6/22 | https://www.shieldsgazette.com/news/politics/council/next-steps-agreed-for-draft-development-policy-which-could-see-more-than-5000-new-homes-built-across-south-tyneside-3734555 |
| Reminder to have your say on blueprint for South Tyneside's future | 8/07/22 | https://www.shieldsgazette.com/news/politics/council/reminder-to-have-your-say-on-blueprint-for-south-tynesides-future-3762198 |
| East Boldon villagers write to Government after draft plans for '3,000 homes on green belt land' | 22/07/22 | https://www.shieldsgazette.com/news/politics/council/east-boldon-villagers-write-to-government-after-draft-plans-for-3000-homes-on-green-belt-land-3778752 |
| Campaigners call day of action in Boldon after popular park earmarked for housing under Local Plan development proposals | 04/08/22 | https://www.shieldsgazette.com/news/politics/council/campaigners-call-day-of-action-in-boldon-after-popular-park-earmarked-for-housing-under-local-plan-development-proposals-3793491 |
| Campaigners turn out for day of action to protest against popular Boldon park being earmarked for housing development | 05/08/22 | https://www.shieldsgazette.com/news/people/campaigners-turn-out-for-day-of-action-to-protest-against-popular-boldon-park-being-earmarked-for-housing-development-3795604 |
| MP backs community campaign fighting proposal to build homes on much-loved Disco Field Park in Boldon Colliery | 11/08/22 | https://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/disco-field-housing-boldon-coliery-24716473 |
| Campaigners rally against Local Plan after farmland in Cleadon earmarked for 156 homes | 13/08/22 | https://www.shieldsgazette.com/news/people/campaigners-rally-against-local-plan-after-farmland-in-cleadon-earmarked-for-156-homes-3803934 |
| Greens raise concerns over Local Plan vision for 5,000 homes in South Tyneside after green belt plots allocated for housing | 19/08/22 | https://www.shieldsgazette.com/news/politics/council/greens-raise-concerns-over-local-plan-vision-for-5000-homes-in-south-tyneside-after-green-belt-plots-allocated-for-housing-3812991 |

COMMUNICATIONS – SOUTH TYNESIDE NEWS NEWSLETTER & E-NEWSLETTER

- 3.7 A double-sided article highlighting the Local Plan and the forthcoming consultation signposting readers to the Council's website appeared in the Council's June 2022 edition of the Residents' Newsletter and was delivered to every household in South Tyneside (72,000) during the weeks commencing 20th and 27th June 2022 (Fig.1)

Fig 1. Resident's Newsletter Article (June 2022)

Local Plan

South Tyneside's Local Plan

What is the Local Plan?

The Local Plans address the needs and opportunities of residents in relation to housing, the economy, community facilities and infrastructure. It also acts as a basis for protecting and enhancing the natural environment, adapting to climate change and securing good design.

Why does South Tyneside need one?

Local Plans are a statutory requirement and are the starting point for guiding decisions about individual development proposals and are used for planning applications.

What would happen if we didn't produce one?

Without an up-to-date Local Plan, South Tyneside could be subject to speculative development proposals. There's also a risk that if we fail to produce an up-to-date Local Plan, Central Government may intervene and take over the writing of the Local Plan. This would mean we'd have no control over what development is imposed on South Tyneside.

What are the aims of South Tyneside's Local Plan?

Our vision for the Local Plan can be broadly defined into 6 key objectives:

- ✓ Building a stronger local economy
- ✓ Regenerating the Borough
- ✓ Meeting the needs for new homes
- ✓ Tackling climate change
- ✓ Delivering an environmentally sustainable borough
- ✓ Promoting positive healthy choices

How will the Local Plan meet the needs of local people?

The Local Plan is central to meeting the current and future needs of all members of our community.

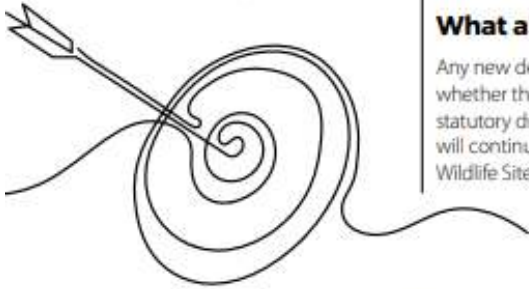
We want to make sure young people, have access to affordable housing and skilled jobs within the Borough. Policies within the Local Plan seek to deliver new affordable homes across the Borough and support new jobs and businesses, so that South Tyneside is an attractive place to live, work and invest in.



We want to ensure we meet the needs of an ageing population through delivering new easy access homes, sheltered/supported housing, and wheelchair accessible homes. The Local Plan also supports policies which seek to improve the health and wellbeing of its residents by delivering high quality, accessible and safe environments.

The Local Plan aims to provide excellent community facilities – new schools, medical centres, shops and roads – all of which will support thriving communities.

What about the impact on our natural environment?

Any new development is likely to have some impact upon our natural environment, whether the development site is brownfield or Green Belt. The Local Plan has a statutory duty to protect our most valuable and sensitive environmental assets; these will continue to be protected through existing environmental designations (e.g. Local Wildlife Sites, Sites of Special Scientific Interest, etc).



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How can I have my say?

It is important to let us know what you are supporting or objecting to, why, and what changes you feel need to be made to the Draft Plan.

www.southtyneside.gov.uk/localplan

Our Officers will be attending drop-in events across South Tyneside where you can view the plan and have your say.

You can also respond by

- 🔍 www.haveyoursay.southtyneside.gov.uk
- ✉️ Local.Plan@southtyneside.gov.uk
- ✉️ In writing to the Local Plan Team, South Shields Town Hall, Westoe Road, South Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE332RL.

What are the next steps?

After the consultation closes, responses will be recorded, summarised and published on the website. The findings of the consultation will be formulated into a report that will be published and used to inform the next stage of plan preparation.

Who will make the final decision on South Tyneside's Local Plan?

The final decision on the Local Plan and the development it proposes will be made by the independent Planning Inspector, appointed by the Government, following the examination. The Council will then need to make the formal decision

3.8 Articles have featured in the South Tyneside Council e-newsletter encouraging people to take part in the consultation and how to have their say. The e-newsletter reached over 32,000 recipients. Articles have been included on the following dates:

- Friday 27th June 2022
- Friday 8th July 2022,
- Friday 22nd July
- Friday 29th July

COMMUNICATIONS - SOCIAL MEDIA

3.9 The use of social media has been an important means of communication and raising awareness of the draft Local Plan consultation. The Communication Team has distributed posed on the following social media platforms:

- Facebook
- Twitter
- NextDoor
- Instagram

3.10 A social media campaign ran on the build-up and throughout the consultation period promoting the plan, online consultation portal and in person events. A total of 25 posts were made during the consultation period with a combined reach of 115,752.

| Date | Post | Engagement |
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| 8 July | Whitburn Parish Hall – The Local Plan Have your say tonight (Fri 8 July), 6-8pm. Tonight Officers will be at Whitburn Parish Hall. The Local Plan session will start with a short presentation, followed by time for questions and answers. We would advise you to arrive for the start time. To Have Your Say and to find out more information visit www.southtyneside.gov.uk/localplan | *Reach: 1,041 |
| 7 July | The Local Plan- Cleadon Methodist Church, tonight (7 July), 6-8pm Have Your Say on the Local Plan. Tonight Officers will be at Cleadon Methodist Church. The Local Plan session will start with a short presentation, followed by time for questions and answers. We would advise you to arrive for the start time. To Have Your Say and to find out more information visit www.southtyneside.gov.uk/localplan | Reach: 4,356 |
| 6 July | The Local Plan - Your Questions Answered Why does development need to take place in our Green Belt? Shouldn't it all be taking place in our urban areas? | Reach: 1,484 |

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| | <p>The minimum number of new homes set by Government exceeds the amount of urban and brownfield land available in South Tyneside. The Plan, therefore, proposes unlocking some areas of Green Belt land for development to meet this need.</p> <p>Green Belt release can only be proposed when all urban and brownfield development options have been exhausted. The Council must fully evidence and justify the exceptional circumstances required for Green Belt release, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (2021).</p> | |
| 5 July | <p>The first of the Local Plan Q&A sessions took place last night.</p> <p>A number of other sessions are taking place across South Tyneside.</p> <p>To find out more and to have your say visit www.southtyneside.gov.uk/localplan</p> | Reach: 2,341 |
| 4 July | <p>Tonight is the first of our Q&A Local Plan sessions</p> <p>The sessions will start with a short presentation, followed by time for questions and answers. Please arrive for the start time.</p> <p>TONIGHT. Hedworthfield Community Association Monday 4 July, 6pm to 8pm</p> <p>For more information visit www.southtyneside.gov.uk/localplan</p> | Reach: 4,439 |
| 1 July | <p>What is the South Tyneside Local Plan?</p> <p>The Local Plan guides the future development and use of land in the borough. Find out what this is by watching our video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ELMjvajrOOg</p> <p>You can find out more including how to have your say at www.southtyneside.gov.uk/localplan</p> | Reach: 2,337 |
| 29 June | <p>The Local Plan</p> <p>A number of Q&A sessions are taking place across South Tyneside. These sessions offer residents the chance to find out more, have any questions answered and have your say.</p> <p>For full information visit www.southtyneside.gov.uk/localplan</p> | Reach: 8,097 |
| 27 June | <p>South Tyneside Local Plan</p> <p>As well as Q&A sessions The Local Plan will be discussed at CAF meetings across South Tyneside</p> | Reach: 7,271 |

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| | To view the draft plan, have your say and find out more visit www.southtyneside.gov.uk/localplan | |
| 24 June | <p>What is The Local Plan and what does it mean for South Tyneside?</p> <p>Watch our video to help answer those questions.</p> <p>Consultation is open for 6 weeks and we'd like residents to have their say.</p> <p>Consultation responses must be made in writing, through the appropriate channels, and must be received within the consultation period (20 June - 31 July inclusive).</p> <p>To view the draft plan, details of events, plus how to give your views, visit www.southtyneside.gov.uk/localplan</p> | Reach: 8,806 |
| 20 June | <p>Have Your Say on South Tyneside Local Plan</p> <p>Local people and businesses in South Tyneside are being invited to give their views on future development in the Borough.</p> <p>Public consultation on the Council's draft Local Plan is now live, following Cabinet approval last week.</p> <p>The consultation period will last for six weeks, and residents are being encouraged to have their say.</p> <p>The Local Plan will provide a framework for where new homes, businesses, shops and leisure facilities will be built until 2039, and ensure that the right infrastructure, such as roads and schools, is in place to support growth.</p> <p>Over the coming weeks there will be a series of information events. There is no need to register for these, however residents are advised to arrive at the start as there will be a presentation followed by questions and answers. A presentation will also be taken to each of the borough's community area forums.</p> <p>Consultation responses must be made in writing, through the appropriate channels, and must be received within the consultation period (20 June - 31 July inclusive).</p> <p>To view the draft plan, details of events, plus how to give your views, visit www.southtyneside.gov.uk/localplan</p> | Reach: 5,302 |

AVAILABILITY OF PLANNING DOCUMENTS

- 3.11 In accordance with The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, draft Local Plan documents have been made available for inspection in South Shields Town Hall and Jarrow Town Hall during normal office hours.
- 3.12 The draft Local Plan document, policies map, interactive map and supporting evidence base documents are published on the Council's website. All documents are available in PDF documents and also a HTML accessible format of the Plan was provided through the digital consultation platform.
- 3.13 The Local Plan consultation had prominent presence of the Council website, it was a lead story on the home page carousel throughout the consultation period and was highlighted on the Planning landing page and 'Have your Say' page. User friendly plain English web content was created as well as a friendly URL which all communications were directed to. User friendly interactive policy maps were also created. During the consultation period the Local Plan content on the main council website received 23,438 views and the Local Plan interactive map received 2,328 views.

4. CONSULTATION REPRESENTATIONS

4.1 Duly made representations to the Local Plan have been accepted in the following formats:

- Digital platform: Citizenspace
- Letter
- Email
- Postcards from information sessions

4.2 All comments received were initially electronically sorted, classifying the content of the comment against the part or parts of the Local Plan to which they related to and categorised whether it was agree, disagree or unsure.

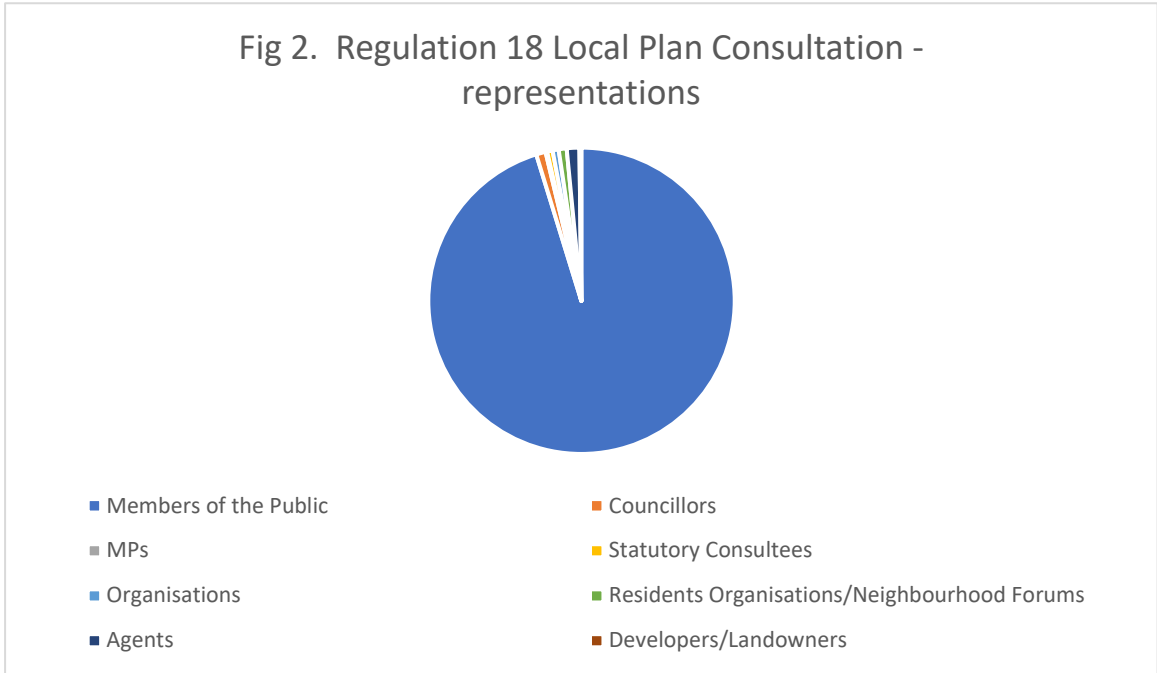
4.3 A number of duplicate comments were submitted – for instance with identical comments from the same respondent being submitted via both letter and email. In such instances, duplicates were removed.

4.4 After comments were processed in the manner described, all of the comments were reviewed on a policy-by-policy basis and summarised. High level summaries are presented in this document and further summaries and council responses have been published by chapter in the following Appendices:

- Appendix A – Chapter 1 – Introduction and Key Diagram
- Appendix B – Chapter 2 – South Tyneside Context
- Appendix C – Chapter 3 - Spatial Vision and Strategic Objectives
- Appendix D – Chapter 4 – Strategy for Sustainable Development
- Appendix E – Chapter 5 - Strategic Allocations
- Appendix F – Chapter 6 – Promoting healthy communities
- Appendix G – Chapter 7 - Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding, and coastal change
- Appendix H – Chapter 8 - Delivering a mix of homes
- Appendix I – Chapter 9 – Building a strong, competitive economy
- Appendix J – Chapter 10 – Ensuring the vitality of centres
- Appendix K – Chapter 11 – Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
- Appendix L – Chapter 12 – Conserving and enhancing the historic environment
- Appendix – M – Chapter 13 – Well-designed places
- Appendix N – Chapter 14 – Infrastructure
- Appendix O – Chapter 15 – Waste and Minerals
- Appendix P – Chapter 16 - Implementation and Monitoring
- Appendix Q - Sewage Management - Local Plan Position Statement

REGUALTION 18 – RESPONSE OVERVIEW

4.5 In total 1887 individual responses were received. Most responses were received from members of the public:



4.6 As individual comments were able to be input multiple times against different areas/issues of the Local Plan, the total of comments for each individual summary combined exceeds the number of comments received and is not an error. This reflects that a large number of comments covered numerous issues in their submission.

4.7 A number of petitions were submitted during the consultation period or were referenced as part of comments. Such petitions generally related to potential strategic development sites. The number of signatories were often large. The tally of comments in each summary represents the number of submissions received and not how many signatories there were to each petition, letter or email. In any case, it is the nature of the particular planning issues raised in comments that are most critical to the preparation of the Local Plan, not the number of comments received.

4.8 A number of comments were submitted setting out views and feedback on the evidence base produced to support different elements of the Local Plan. Where relevant they are recorded in the summaries of related policies. Comments on the evidence base have been considered and where relevant have informed updates to such documents.

4.9 Comments received directly relating the Sustainability Appraisal (2022) have been addressed in the South Tyneside Publication draft Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal (2024).

REPRESENTATION SUMMARIES

- 4.10 The following section provides a high-level overview of representations received for each policy. This document should be read alongside Appendices A-Q which sets out individual summaries of each representation and council responses. Where relevant, key messages have been grouped by 'member of the public', 'statutory consultees' and 'development industry'.

CHAPTER 1- INTRODUCTION & KEY DIAGRAM

| Do you support Chapter 1? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 21 | 19.09% |
| No | 62 | 56.36% |
| Not sure | 27 | 24.55% |

Key Messages:

- Objections and concerns raised in relation to the consultation strategy included:
 - lack of information and awareness
 - criticism of in-person events
 - online consultation platform was not user friendly
 - technical language of the document was difficult to understand and excluded some members of the community from engaging.
- Objection to development proposed in the Local Plan due to impact upon Green Belt and infrastructure.
- Requests for more interactive maps as the maps in the document were difficult to read, although others found the separate interactive policies map to be useful.

CHAPTER 2 – SOUTH TYNESIDE CONTEXT

| Do you support Chapter 2? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 15 | 18.07% |
| No | 49 | 59.04% |
| Not sure | 19 | 22.89% |

Key Messages:

- Objection to development proposed in the Local Plan due to impact upon Green Belt and infrastructure.
- Objection to the use of population figures that do not reflect the most recent census data.
- Objection to the impact the Local Plan will have on climate change.
- The health of the borough's population would be affected by the reduction of green spaces.

CHAPTER 3 – SPATIAL VISION AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

| Do you support the Spatial Vision and Strategic Objectives? | Total | Percent |
|---|-------|---------|
| Yes | 29 | 27.10% |
| No | 63 | 58.88% |
| Not sure | 15 | 14.02% |

Key Messages:

- Support received for the ambition of the spatial objectives and vision.
- Objection to the objectives that promote development.
- Concern over the delivery of the vision and spatial objectives.
- Concern that the spatial vision is skewed towards economic growth and not suitably balanced with housing growth.
- Concern that the Local plan needs to highlight more ways of combatting climate change and reducing carbon.

CHAPTER 4 – STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Policy SP1 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development

| Do you support SP1? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 19 | 20.43% |
| No | 64 | 68.82% |
| Not sure | 10 | 10.75% |

Key Messages:

- Objection to proposed housing allocations due to impacts upon Green Belt and infrastructure.
- Concern that the Plan is not supporting sustainable development through its spatial strategy.
- Criticism that the aims of the Local Plan will not help to tackle climate change.
- Concern that policies will not be implemented as they are written.

Policy SP2 Strategy for Sustainable Development to meet identified needs

| Do you support SP2? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 18 | 7.17% |
| No | 219 | 87.25% |
| Not sure | 14 | 5.58% |

Key Messages – Members of the public:

- Objection to the use of the Standard Method and the 2014 housing projections.
- Objection to the use of population figures that do not reflect the most recent census data.
- Objection to the use of a 15% buffer and calls for it to be reduced to 5%.
- The release of green belt land is not sustainable.
- Concern that the policy is not consistent with the East Boldon Neighbourhood Plan.
- Concern over the impact of new development on the distinctive character of the villages.

Key Messages – Development Industry:

- An uplift in the housing numbers is required to address the affordable housing needs of the borough, whilst also considering previous under delivery.
- Concern that the Plan does not consider the impact of IAMP on future housing need.
- Concern that the Plan fails to identify sufficient supply of deliverable housing sites.

Policy SP3 Spatial Strategy for Sustainable Development

| Do you support SP3? | Total | Percent |
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| Yes | 20 | 12.58% |
| No | 134 | 84.28% |
| Not sure | 5 | 3.14% |

Key Messages – Members of the public:

- Criticism that the Green Belt *Exceptional Circumstances* has not been demonstrated.
- Concern that developing Green Belt will have negative impact on green infrastructure and ecological networks.
- Concern that the Duty to Cooperate has not been adequately demonstrated.
- Spatial distribution of sites means that Cleadon and East Boldon would have a disproportionate number of houses built when compared to the rest of the borough.
- The Local Plan contradicts the East Boldon Neighbourhood Plan.

Key Messages – Development Industry:

- Additional contingency (extra sites) should be identified to ensure that land is available throughout the Plan period and to meet increasing housing demand.
- The reliance of some site allocations on the provision of new playing field land gives uncertainty over their deliverability.
- The Plan does not make appropriate provision for the Green Belt boundary to endure beyond the Plan period.
- Criticism of the spatial distribution of site allocations and reliance of one large allocation south of Fellgate and the risk to the housing supply associated with any delays.

CHAPTER 5 - STRATEGIC ALLOCATIONS

SP4 Housing Allocations in the Main Urban Area

| Do you support SP4? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 27 | 2.15% |
| No | 1202 | 95.62% |
| Not sure | 28 | 2.23% |

Key Messages:

| Site Ref. | Site name | Number of responses | Key messages |
|-----------|--|---------------------|--|
| H.1 | Land at Chatsworth Court | 0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comments received |
| H.2 | South Shields and Westoe Sports Club and playing fields | 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to the loss of playing pitches and community facilities. • Development of the site would be detrimental to the health and wellbeing of residents. |
| H.3 | Site of former South Tyneside College – South Shields Campus | 13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to site density. • Objection to development of playing field land. • Trees on the site must be protected. |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns SuDs could have a negative impact on neighbouring properties. |
| H.4 | Former Brinkburn Comprehensive School | 359 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to the loss of playing pitches and community facilities. Mature trees should be retained. Alternative brownfield sites should be prioritised for development. The site should be designated as a Local Green Space. |
| H.5 | Land at former Chuter Ede Education Centre | 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to the loss of playing pitches and the community centre. |
| H.6 | Former Temple Park Infant School | 0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comments received |
| H.7 | Connolly House, Reynolds Avenue | 0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comments received |
| H.8 | Land at Bradley Avenue | 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support as a good location for affordable or elderly persons' housing. |
| H.9 | Land at Biddick Hall Drive | 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to the loss of green space and over development of a well-established community. |
| H.10 | Land behind Ryedale Court | 11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to loss of open space and over development of a densely populated area. Concerns regarding increased traffic and noise pollution. |
| H.11 | Land at Horton Avenue | 0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comments received |
| H.12 | Land at Cheviot Road | 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to the loss of valued open space. |
| H.13 | Land at Bonsall Court | 0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comments received |
| H.14 | Land at Lizard Lane | 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns regarding pressure on local infrastructure. Objection to the loss of green space. |
| H.15 | Land at Dean Road | 0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comments received |
| H.16 | Land at Essex Gardens | 42 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns regarding parking provision and road infrastructure. Objection to over-development of a small area in a close-knit community. |
| H.17 | Land at Brockley Avenue | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns over sewage and drainage capacity. Concerns regarding road infrastructure. |
| H.18 | Land at Trent Drive | 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to loss of recreational green space. |
| H.19 | Land at Heathway, Hedworth | 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to loss of recreational green space. Concerns regarding negative impacts on wildlife. |
| H.20 | Land at Heathway/Greenlands, Hedworth | 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns regarding parking provision and road infrastructure. Objection to the loss of valued recreational green space and habitats. Concerns development will result in congestion and air pollution. |
| H.21 | Land at Kings Meadow, Hedworth | 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to the loss of valued recreational open space. Concerns regarding parking provision and road infrastructure. |

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| H.22 | Land at Calf Close Walk | 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to the loss of valued recreational open space. • Concerns regarding negative impacts on wildlife. |
| H.23 | Land to North and East of Holland Park Drive | 19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to the loss of valued recreational open space. • Concerns regarding negative impacts on wildlife. • Concerns regarding parking provision and road infrastructure. |
| H.24 | Land at Salcombe Avenue | 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to the loss of valued recreational open space. • Alternative brownfield sites should be prioritised for development. |
| H.25 | Perth Green Youth Centre, Perth Avenue | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to development of open space. |
| H.26 | Land at previously Martin Hall, Prince Consort Road | 0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comments received |
| H.27 | Land at previously Nolan Hall, Concorde Way | 0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comments received |
| H.28 | Land at Leamside | 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns regarding traffic and road infrastructure. • Concerns existing views and privacy would be negatively impacted. |
| H.29 | Land at Falmouth Drive | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to the loss of valued recreational open space. • Concerns regarding parking provision and road infrastructure. |
| H.30 | Land at Peel Gardens | 0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comments received |
| H.31 | Land at Kirkstone Avenue | 0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comments received |
| H.32 | Ashworth Frazer Industrial Estate and Hebburn Community Centre | 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support - Development would make use of derelict wasteland. |
| H.33 | Land to North of former day care centre | 0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comments received |
| H.34 | Land south-west of Prince Consort Road | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to the loss of valued recreational open space. • Concerns regarding parking provision and road infrastructure. |
| H.35 | Father James Walsh Day Centre, Hedgeley Rd | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees on site must be retained. • Concerns development would negatively impact traffic, parking and safety. |
| H.36 | Land off Mountbatten Avenue | 177 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns development would negatively impact traffic, parking and air pollution. • Concerns development would interfere with existing flood defences. • Concerns on existing infrastructure. |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to the loss of valued recreational open space for children. |
| H.37 | Land at Lilac Walk | 180 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns development would negatively impact traffic, parking and air pollution. • Concerns development would interfere with existing flood defences. • Concerns on existing infrastructure. • Objection to the loss of valued recreational open space for children. |
| H.38 | The Disco Field, Henley Way | 400 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to the loss of valued recreational open space. • Concern of negative impacts on the residents of Henley House. • Concern of negative impacts on wildlife including bats. • Concerns development would exacerbate traffic and local infrastructure issues. |
| H.39 | Open space at Dipe Lane/Avondale Gardens | 134 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to the loss of well used open space and play area. • Concern development would exacerbate traffic and local infrastructure issues. |
| H.40 | Land at Cleadon Lane Industrial Estate | 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern development will result in increased congestion and parking issues. • Concern development will increase pressure on local infrastructure such as schools and healthcare. • Concern there are too many houses proposed on the site. |

SP5 Urban and Village Sustainable Growth Areas

| Do you support SP5? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 19 | 3.94% |
| No | 448 | 92.95% |
| Not sure | 15 | 3.11% |

Key Messages:

| Site Ref. | Site name | Number of responses | Key messages |
|------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--|
| GA1 | Land south of Cleadon Park | 36 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern regarding the loss of agricultural land, key habitats and open space. • Concern development would impact the Ash Path PROW. This would have a negative impact on the physical and mental wellbeing of residents. • Brownfield sites should be prioritised for housing development. |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern development would unacceptably narrow the green belt gap between Cleadon and South Shields. • Development will ruin the character of the existing estate. |
| GA2 | Land west of Sunnyside Farm | 250 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern of significant negative effect on the historic Ash Path. • Concern development would unacceptably narrow the green belt gap between Cleadon and South Shields. • Brownfield sites should be prioritised for housing development. • Development could increase the flood risk to existing homes. • Objection to food-producing agricultural land being developed. • Access concerns and increased traffic and parking issues. • Development would increase the effects of pollution (light, noise, air quality). • Objection to the Green Belt Review assessment of the site. • Concerns raised regarding the magnesium limestone substrata which runs into the site. |
| GA3 | Land at South Tyneside College, Hebburn Campus | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to development of playing pitch land. • Support for the allocation of the site. |
| GA4 | Land at North Farm | 63 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The allocation is in conflict with the adopted East Boldon Neighbourhood Plan. • Concern development would increase pressure on local infrastructure and services and have a negative impact on air quality. • Allocation of the site will merge East and West Boldon and result in the loss of agricultural land. • Development will increase flood risk and negatively impact the wildlife corridor. • Concern that additional housing will put unmanageable pressure on sewerage infrastructure. |
| GA5 | Former MoD bunkers, medical stores, and associated land | 56 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern development would increase pressure on local infrastructure and services. • Redevelopment of the site could address antisocial behaviour problems on the site. • Concern development of this site would put the fields to the north at risk of development. • Development would see the loss of a locally significant heritage asset. • Concern that additional housing will put unmanageable pressure on sewerage infrastructure. • The allocation is in conflict with the adopted East Boldon Neighbourhood Plan. |

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| GA6 | Land south of St John's Terrace and Natley Avenue | 80 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern development will result in increased traffic and parking issues on access road. • Concern development would be in a flood zone putting new and existing properties at risk. • Concern that additional housing will put unmanageable pressure on sewerage infrastructure. • The allocation is in conflict with the adopted East Boldon Neighbourhood Plan. |
| GA7 | Land to North of Town End Farm | 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern development will result in increased traffic issues. • Development would significantly reduce the Green Belt gap between West Boldon and Town End Farm. • Developer contributions should be provided to facilitate the delivery of any infrastructure improvements needed in Sunderland as a result of the development. |
| GA9 | Land at West Hall Farm | 22 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern development will put unsustainable strain on the local road network and local services. • Development could result in increased flood risk. • Objection to food-producing agricultural land being developed. • Concern regarding visual impact of development when approaching Cleadon Village from Whitburn and Sunderland. |
| GA10 | Land at Wellands Farm | 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern development would increase pressure on local infrastructure and services. • The existing surface water & foul drainage system has no additional capacity. • Objection to food-producing agricultural land being developed. • The land is also an important migrating area for birds and other animals and insects. |
| GA11 | Land west of Cleadon Lane, Whitburn | 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern development would increase pressure on local infrastructure and services, including sewerage capacity. • Objection to the loss of recreational open space. • Development would result in the loss of habitats and have a negative impact on the wildlife corridor. |
| GA12 | Land at Whitburn Lodge | 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More guidance required on how Environmental Net Gain will be achieved. • Concern development would increase pressure on local infrastructure and services. |
| GA13 | Land to North of Shearwater | 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern development would increase pressure on local infrastructure and services, including sewerage capacity. • Concern development would have a significant impact on wildlife and biodiversity. |

SP6 Fellgate Sustainable Growth Area

| Do you support SP6? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 18 | 14.06% |
| No | 90 | 70.31% |
| Not sure | 20 | 15.62% |

Key Messages – Members of the public:

- Objection to building on Green Belt land.
- Concern that the existing road network would be unable to cope with the additional traffic generated by 1,200 new houses.
- Concern that building on this land would exacerbate flooding issues.
- Concern for the impact development would have on the existing wildlife corridor.
- Support received in principle for additional homes for young people who would like to stay in the area.
- Support received for development that would achieve a good mix of affordable housing with the scope for properly planned infrastructure.
- Support for the allocation due to its proximity to public transport links.

Key Messages – Statutory consultee:

- Highways England - require some degree of certainty that a sufficient highways mitigation scheme is deliverable.
- Nexus – support for incorporate convenient and safe cycle routes and pedestrian routes within the development.
- Gateshead Council - Consideration should be given to the integrated water management of the River Don catchment.

Key Messages – Development Industry:

- Support for the proposed allocation. Recognise the need to Masterplan a sustainable urban extension.
- Concern that Policy SP6 is not deliverable over the Plan period and as such not effective.
- Recommend the land allocation should be increased in size to ensure deliverability.
- Recommend the proposed Safeguarded Land should be developed and designed comprehensively with the allocated land.

SP7 South Shields Riverside Regeneration Area

| Do you support SP7? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 45 | 70.31% |
| No | 6 | 9.38% |
| Not sure | 13 | 20.31% |

Key Messages :

- Overall support received for the policy.
- The emphasis should be on affordable homes as this area as it is close to the transport hub and current light industry.
- Concern that residential development would increase traffic and put pressure on existing services.
- Concern regarding the introduction of residential development to Windmill Hill, citing concerns about its impact on Port and riverside operations.

Policy SP8 Tyne Dock Estate Regeneration Site

| Do you support SP8? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 45 | 75.00% |
| No | 4 | 6.67% |
| Not sure | 11 | 18.33% |

Key Messages:

- Support received for the policy.

Policy SP9 South Shields Town Centre College Regeneration Site

| Do you support SP9? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 34 | 54.84% |
| No | 10 | 16.13% |
| Not sure | 18 | 29.03% |

Key Messages:

- Supportive of aims to reinvigorate the town centre.
- Concern that relocating the college will pose a risk the retail element of the town centre.
- Concern for impact of development on nearby historic buildings.

Policy SP10 Salem Street Housing-led Regeneration Site

| Do you support SP10? | Total | Percent |
|----------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 39 | 66.10% |
| No | 3 | 5.08% |
| Not sure | 17 | 28.81% |

Key Messages:

- Support for the policy and affordable housing on site.

Policy SP11 Queen Street Housing-led Regeneration Site

| Do you support SP11? | Total | Percent |
|----------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 38 | 67.86% |
| No | 3 | 5.36% |
| Not sure | 15 | 26.79% |

Key Messages:

- Support received for building housing close to transport links.

Policy SP12 Hebburn New Town Housing-Led Regeneration Scheme

| Do you support SP12? | Total | Percent |
|----------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 41 | 71.93% |
| No | 4 | 7.02% |
| Not sure | 12 | 21.05% |

Key Messages:

- Support for new housing close to good transport links.

Policy SP13 Regeneration Improvement Areas

| Do you support SP13? | Total | Percent |
|----------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 36 | 59.02% |
| No | 4 | 6.56% |
| Not sure | 21 | 34.43% |

Key Messages:

- Support for investment that would improve visitor experience and encourage people to visit.
- Strong support for the development and improvement of the area behind Fowler Street.
- Support for improving Gypsy's Green.

Policy SP14 Employment Land for General Economic Development

| Do you support SP14? | Total | Percent |
|----------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 34 | 55.74% |
| No | 12 | 19.67% |
| Not sure | 15 | 24.59% |

Key Messages:

- Underused employment land and vacant buildings should be utilised before new sites.
- Concern that employment opportunities are limited by the position of the sites offered in the Plan.

Policy SP15 Wardley Colliery

| Do you support SP15? | Total | Percent |
|----------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 24 | 43.64% |
| No | 12 | 21.82% |
| Not sure | 19 | 34.55% |

Key Messages:

- Support for the policy for use of the site for general economic development.
- Objection to Green Belt development and concern regarding environmental impacts particularly in relation to the Wardley Colliery Local Wildlife Site.
- Support for safeguarding land for new Metro/ Rail Station.

Policy SP16 Provision of Land for Port and River-related Development

| Do you support SP16? | Total | Percent |
|----------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 34 | 65.38% |
| No | 4 | 7.69% |
| Not sure | 14 | 26.92% |

Key Messages:

- Support received for the policy and use of the river frontage for industrial uses, particularly renewables.
- Environmental and pedestrian and cycling improvements recommended along riverside locations.

CHAPTER 6 - PROMOTING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Policy 1 Promoting Healthy Communities

| Do you support Policy 1? | Total | Percent |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 35 | 34.65% |
| No | 50 | 49.50% |
| Not sure | 16 | 15.84% |

Key Messages:

- Support received for the policy aims to improve health and wellbeing in South Tyneside.
- Object to development proposed within the plan having negative effects on health.
- Support received for the requirement of Health Impact Assessments (HIA) for future planning applications.
- Concern regarding healthcare provision, which is already under a lot of pressure.
- Clarity needed in regard to the justification of HIA triggers. Further information required on implementation.

Policy 2 Air Quality

| Do you support Policy 2? | Total | Percent |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 34 | 38.20% |
| No | 48 | 53.93% |
| Not sure | 7 | 7.87% |

Key Messages:

- Support received for the policy.
- Concern development proposed in the Local Plan could have detrimental effect on air quality.
- Concern that the policy does not comply with NPPF paragraph 186 and that the World Health Organisation air pollution levels should be a material consideration.
- Concern the wording of the policy is not flexible enough.

Policy 3 Pollution

| Do you support Policy 3? | Total | Percent |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 28 | 47.46% |
| No | 17 | 28.81% |
| Not sure | 14 | 23.73% |

Key Messages:

- Recommend the policy should be strengthened with an almost zero tolerance approach to pollution given the current state of environmental degradation.
- Concern development proposed in the Local Plan would increase pollution.
- Concern that additional development would overwhelm the sewage system.

Policy 4 Contaminated Land and Ground Stability

| Do you support Policy 4? | Total | Percent |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 37 | 64.91% |
| No | 11 | 19.30% |
| Not sure | 9 | 15.79% |

- Support for the removal of contaminated materials.
- Support the inclusion of this policy which requires land stability issues to be addressed as part of development proposals.
- The policy should distinguish between historic and future risks and seek a higher level of protection and enhancement of the groundwater.
- The policy should be in accordance with the validation checklist.

CHAPTER 7 - MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE, FLOODING, AND COASTAL CHANGE

Policy SP17 Climate Change

| Do you support SP17? | Total | Percent |
|----------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 31 | 33.33% |
| No | 46 | 49.46% |
| Not sure | 16 | 17.20% |

Key Messages:

- Concern that the policy does not go far enough.
- Support received for the policy and councils' commitment to reducing carbon emissions.
- Suggest there are a variety of ways to mitigate and adapt to the challenges of climate change so the policy should allow for flexibility in site specific solutions.
- Recommend the policy be flexible enough to respond to any future changes in building regulations.

Policy 5 Reducing Energy Consumption and Carbon Emissions

| Do you support Policy 5? | Total | Percent |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 37 | 58.73% |
| No | 16 | 25.40% |
| Not sure | 10 | 15.87% |

Key Messages: Members of the Public

- Object to building houses as construction processes will increase carbon emissions.
- The policy should seek higher requirements than those set out in building regulations.

Key Messages: Development Industry

- The best way to address carbon reduction is to set policies in line with building regulations as this creates a degree of consistency.
- Recommend consideration given to viability.

Policy 6 Renewables and Low Carbon Energy

| Do you support Policy 6? | Total | Percent |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 25 | 32.05% |
| No | 35 | 44.87% |
| Not sure | 18 | 23.08% |

Key Messages: Members of the Public

- Object to onshore wind turbines.
- Support for district heating networks.
- Recommend the policy wording is strengthened to include and maximise on-site renewable energy generation.

Key Messages: Development Industry

- Recommend the Council consider the huge land intake of District Heating, which would affect the capacity of sites and therefore viability.

Policy 7 Flood Risk and Water Management

| Do you support Policy 7? | Total | Percent |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 33 | 54.10% |
| No | 21 | 34.43% |
| Not sure | 7 | 11.48% |

Key Messages – Members of the public:

- Support received for measures relating to flood prevention.
- Object to flood risk vulnerability classification which states that there is no significant surface water risk.
- Object to promotion of SuDS which can lead to bodies of stagnant water.

Key Messages – Statutory Consultee:

- The Environment Agency supports the measures outlined in Policy 7.

Key Messages – Development Industry:

- Greater flexibility should be included in the wording of the policy to ensure it works on an individual site basis.

Policy 8 Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) and Drainage Strategy

| Do you support Policy 8? | Total | Percent |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 30 | 55.56% |
| No | 12 | 22.22% |
| Not sure | 12 | 22.22% |

Key Messages – Members of the public:

- Support for the policy.
- Concern that drainage should be in place before any development is approved.

Key Messages – Statutory consultee:

- Northumbrian Water recommends the principles of sustainable development are applied in full to such new development. Advise the preference of hierarchy towards sustainable drainage is adhered to.

- The Environment Agency suggested the policy should include reference to mine water and groundwater. Rising/ high mine water is an issue across the coalfield/coal measures.

Policy 9 Sustainable Drainage Systems

| Do you support Policy 9? | Total | Percent |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 32 | 59.26% |
| No | 11 | 20.37% |
| Not sure | 11 | 20.37% |

Key Messages – Members of the public:

- Support for the policy.
- Concern that the current drainage system will be unable to cope with extra houses.

Key Messages – Statutory consultee:

- Northumbrian Water - proposed amendments to supporting text with regard to roles and responsibilities.
- Environment Agency – proposed amended wording on role in development management process.

Policy 10 Disposal of Foul Water

| Do you support Policy 10? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 30 | 38.46% |
| No | 37 | 47.44% |
| Not sure | 11 | 14.10% |

Key Messages – Members of the public:

- Recommend using existing main sewerage methods as a priority.
- Concern there is insufficient wastewater collection and treatment capacity to deal with the present population of the borough and that increasing the population will lead to an increase in sewage pollution.

Key Messages – Statutory consultee:

- Northumbrian Water – proposed amended wording to reflect Northumbrian Water’s correct status and role in the Development Management process.
- The Environment Agency are pleased to the inclusion of point 2 which states that non-mains drainage will not be permitted in areas with public sewers.

Policy 11 Protecting Water Quality

| Do you support Policy 11? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 35 | 46.67% |
| No | 36 | 48.00% |
| Not sure | 4 | 5.33% |

Key Messages – Members of the public:

- Concern that existing sewerage capacity is inadequate.
- Concern that development will lead to increased surface water runoff.
- Support any attempt at making sure the water going into the sea is as clean as possible.

Key Messages – Statutory consultee:

- Northumbrian Water - support for the principles and requirements of policy 11 relating to the protection of water quality.
- Environment Agency- suggested wording amendments.

Key Messages – Development Industry:

- Further detail and clarity required on naturalising watercourse channels.
- There should be additional flexibility within this policy to ensure that this policy is applied on a case by case basis and that the site context is considered.

Policy 12 Coastal Change

| Do you support Policy 12? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 31 | 60.78% |
| No | 10 | 19.61% |
| Not sure | 10 | 19.61% |

Key Messages – Members of the public:

- Support received for the policy.
- Coastal defences are important to help protect us from adverse weather conditions and create a safe landscape.

Key Messages – Statutory consultee:

- Environment Agency - Reference should be made to Shoreline Management Plans and compliance with any policy unit management actions.
- Natural England – support for policy on Coastal Change but advises that it could be strengthened.

CHAPTER 8 - DELIVERING A MIX OF HOMES

Policy SP18 Housing Supply and Delivery

| Do you support SP18? | Total | Percent |
|----------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 8 | 9.20% |
| No | 71 | 81.61% |
| Not sure | 8 | 9.20% |

Key Messages – Members of the public:

- Objection to the use of out-of-date statistics.
- Concern that the 15% buffer is excessive.
- Concern the housing strategy proposed will not provide the necessary mix of residential development or delivery the appropriate level of affordable housing across the Borough.
- Support received for the quantity of new housing but not the distribution.
- Concern regarding condition, capacity and safety of highway network, alongside associated noise pollution.
- Concern that environmental impacts have not been given sufficient weight.
- Concern that the housing allocations conflict with the East Boldon Neighbourhood Plan.

Key Messages – Development Industry:

- The standard method should be treated as a minimum figure.
- Objection on the basis that the economic growth ambitions of the Council are not reflected in the quantity of new housing proposed within the plan. It is considered that an economic uplift should be applied to the standard methodology figure to increase the total requirement figure and provide some flexibility in delivery.

- It is also considered that there is an over-reliance on the strategic site at Fellgate and therefore additional sites should be identified to support the housing supply.

Policy 13 Windfall and Backland Sites

| Do you support Policy 13? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 25 | 47.17% |
| No | 16 | 30.19% |
| Not sure | 12 | 22.64% |

Key Messages :

- Concern that the criteria is not sufficiently well defined.
- Object to houses being built in gardens.
- Support received for the principle of Policy 13, and the flexibility it allows in order to bring forward windfall sites within the plan period.
- Concern that the supporting text to the policy focuses on the negative impacts of windfall development, rather than the benefits.

Policy 14 Housing Density

| Do you support Policy 14 | Total | Percent |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 15 | 25.86% |
| No | 21 | 36.21% |
| Not sure | 22 | 37.93% |

Key Messages:

- Support received for higher density in some areas, but this must also be accompanied with the provision of adequate nearby green space.
- Concern that decreasing densities away from main centres will increase car dependency.
- The Policy should allow for flexibility to take account of individual site characteristics and evidence in relation to demand, market aspirations and viability.
- Support received for an approach which seeks to provide higher densities in the most accessible locations where there may be an acute need for specialist housing.
- Concern that the rigid densities are inflexible.

Policy 15 Existing Homes

| Do you support Policy 15? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 44 | 78.57% |
| No | 6 | 10.71% |
| Not sure | 6 | 10.71% |

Key Messages:

- Concern that there are a number of vacant properties which, if brought up to a reasonable standard, would mitigate the need for new dwellings.
- Support received for the policy but more detail on implementation is needed.

Policy 16 Housing in Multiple Occupation

| Do you support Policy 16? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 27 | 61.36% |

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| No | 9 | 20.45% |
| Not sure | 8 | 18.18% |

Key Messages:

- Object to a policy that restricts HMOs as they are needed for people that need to live on a low budget.
- Support received for the policy.

Policy 17 Specialist Housing – Extra Care & Supported Housing

| Do you support Policy 17? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 30 | 44.78% |
| No | 29 | 43.28% |
| Not sure | 8 | 11.94% |

Key Messages – Members of the public:

- Support received for more supported housing schemes.
- Object to the policy on the ground that there are not enough units for older people are being provided for.

Policy 18 Affordable Housing

| Do you support Policy 18? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 14 | 16.28% |
| No | 60 | 69.77% |
| Not sure | 12 | 13.95% |

Key Messages – Members of the public:

- Support received for affordable housing which will enable younger generations and first-time buyers to settle in the villages.
- Object to the policy on the grounds that the affordable housing targets are not sufficient to meet the needs identified in the SHMA.
- Object to the policy wording.
- Concern that affordable housing would be out of character in Cleadon and East Boldon.
- Concern raised over how viability will be assessed.

Key Messages – Development Industry:

- Support received for the policy which provides sufficient flexibility and acknowledges the impact affordable housing provision can have on the viability of schemes.
- Recommend increasing the housing requirement in order to help address the affordable housing need.
- Object to the policy as it is not flexible enough.

Policy 19 Housing Mix

| Do you agree with Policy 19? | Total | Percent |
|------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 20 | 35.09% |
| No | 20 | 35.09% |

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| Not sure | 17 | 29.82% |
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Key Messages – Members of the public:

- Support for the policy.
- Object to the wording of the policy which should stipulate areas of each site that should be safeguarded for elderly or extra care homes.
- Support received for any housing policy that causes a mix of socio-economic backgrounds in an area.

Key Messages – Development Industry:

- The policy wording is ambiguous and makes it difficult to understand how a development proposal would be judged against the requirements of the policy.
- Policy 19 should be flexible enough that a site-specific approach can be taken when identifying a need for bungalows within new development.
- The introduction of self-build elements to new schemes will add complexity and delay to the delivery of new homes.

Policy 20 Technical Design Standards for New Homes

| Do you support Policy 20? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 32 | 60.38% |
| No | 16 | 30.19% |
| Not sure | 5 | 9.43% |

Key Messages:

- Object to the policy target as this is well below the national average.
- Not grounded in a robust evidence base and has not been tested through a viability assessment.
- Recommend a transition period of at least 1 year.

Policy 21 Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople

| Do you support Policy 21? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 12 | 26.09% |
| No | 15 | 32.61% |
| Not sure | 19 | 41.30% |

Key Messages:

- Object to providing more land for this purpose as borough already provides a site.
- Support received for the policy as the traveling community should not be discourage from coming to South Tyneside.

CHAPTER 9 – BUILDING A STRONG, COMPETITIVE ECONOMY

Policy SP19 Strategic Economic Development

| Do you support SP19? | Total | Percent |
|----------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 30 | 63.83% |

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| No | 8 | 17.02% |
| Not sure | 9 | 19.15% |

Key Messages – Members of the public:

- Support received for the policy.
- Recommend that empty industrial sites are developed for housing.

Key Messages – Statutory consultee:

- Port of Tyne - Support received for the Plan's commitment to deliver 18.3 hectares of employment land and 18.3 hectares for specialist Port related development and commitment to delivering IAMP.

Key Messages – Development Industry:

- It is not clear how the economic strategy links with the housing strategy and it is apparent that the housing numbers does not make allowance for the economic growth in South Tyneside.

Policy 22 Protecting Employment Uses

| Do you support Policy 22? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 24 | 55.81% |
| No | 8 | 18.60% |
| Not sure | 11 | 25.58% |

Key Messages:

- Support for the protection of employment land.

Policy 23 Employment Development beyond Employment Allocations

| Do you support Policy 23? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 18 | 41.86% |
| No | 7 | 16.28% |
| Not sure | 18 | 41.86% |

Key Messages:

- Concern for the need for an exemption outside the allocated areas if this is supposed to be a long-term plan.

Policy 24 Safeguarding land at CEMEX Jarrow Aggregates Wharf

| Do you support Policy 24? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 28 | 62.22% |
| No | 4 | 8.89% |
| Not sure | 13 | 28.89% |

Key Messages:

- Support received for the policy.

Policy 25 Leisure and Tourism

| Option | Total | Percent |
|----------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 34 | 66.67% |
| No | 10 | 19.61% |
| Not sure | 7 | 13.73% |

Key Messages – Members of the public:

- Concern that the policy should support more local leisure hubs rather than fewer centralised hubs.

CHAPTER 10 – ENSURING THE VITALITY OF CENTRES

Policy SP20 The Hierarchy of Centres

| Option | Total | Percent |
|----------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 29 | 56.86% |
| No | 14 | 27.45% |
| Not sure | 8 | 15.69% |

Key Messages:

- Recommend the focus is on getting people to live in the town centre rather than attempting to provide retail.
- Support for maintaining the character of village centres.
- Concern that the policy is not consistent with the East Boldon and Whitburn Neighbourhood Plans.
- Nexus – support for public transport provision across these town centres.

Policy 26 Ensuring Vitality and Viability in our Town, District and Local Centres

| Option | Total | Percent |
|----------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 26 | 63.41% |
| No | 4 | 9.76% |
| Not sure | 11 | 26.83% |

Key Messages:

- Support received for the policy.
- Concern the policy should not be overly restrictive and should allow for town centres to diversify and grow.

Policy 27 Prioritising Centres Sequentially

| Do you support Policy 27? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 22 | 53.66% |
| No | 3 | 7.32% |
| Not sure | 16 | 39.02% |

Key Messages:

- Support received for the policy.
- Concern that town centres are seeing more vacant retail units.

Policy 28 Impact Assessment

| Do you support Policy 28? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 22 | 53.66% |
| No | 4 | 9.76% |
| Not sure | 15 | 36.59% |

Key Messages:

- Support for encouraging shops to remain in existing centres.

Policy 29 Local Neighbourhood Hubs

| Do you support Policy 29? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 24 | 58.54% |

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|----------|----|--------|
| No | 2 | 4.88% |
| Not sure | 15 | 36.59% |

Key Messages:

- Support for flexible wording.

Policy 30 South Shields Market

| Do you support Policy 30? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 32 | 78.05% |
| No | 2 | 4.88% |
| Not sure | 7 | 17.07% |

Key Messages:

- Support for the policy.

Policy 31 Evening and Night Time Economy in South Shields Town Centre

| Do you support Policy 31? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 26 | 63.41% |
| No | 3 | 7.32% |
| Not sure | 12 | 29.27% |

Key Messages:

- Support for measures that lead to an improved night time economy.
- Support for measures that maintain a street café culture.

Policy 32 Hot Food Takeaways

| Do you support Policy 32? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 29 | 64.44% |
| No | 6 | 13.33% |
| Not sure | 10 | 22.22% |

Key Messages:

- Support the aim of the policy to manage the proliferation of Hot food Takeaways and reduce obesity levels within South Tyneside.

CHAPTER 11 - CONSERVING AND ENHANCING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Policy SP21 Natural Environment

| Do you support SP21? | Total | Percent |
|----------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 33 | 52.38% |
| No | 19 | 30.16% |
| Not sure | 11 | 17.46% |

Key Messages – Members of the public:

- Support received for the policy enhancing and increasing green infrastructure provision.

- Object to development proposed within the plan due to potential impacts upon the natural environment and loss of Green Belt.

Key Messages – Statutory consultee

- Natural England supports the inclusion of the policy but suggest it could be strengthened.

Policy 33 Biodiversity, Geodiversity and Ecological Networks

| Do you support Policy 33? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 24 | 47.06% |
| No | 14 | 27.45% |
| Not sure | 13 | 25.49% |

Key Messages – Members of the public:

- Support received for the policy.
- Object to development proposed within the Plan due to potential impacts upon ecological networks and loss of Green Belt.
- Recommend the policy could be more ambitious.

Key Messages – Statutory consultee

- Natural England supports the inclusion of the policy but recommend amendments to strengthen policy.

Key Messages – Development Industry:

- Clarification regarding policy wording is sought.

Policy 34 Internationally, Nationally and Locally Important Sites

| Do you support Policy 34? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 23 | 48.94% |
| No | 17 | 36.17% |
| Not sure | 7 | 14.89% |

Key Messages – Members of the public:

- Support for protecting the integrity of designated sites in the borough.
- Object to development proposed within the plan due to potential impacts upon local designations, wildlife corridors and loss of Green Belt.
- Recommend the policy should be more ambitious.

Key Messages – Development Industry:

- Suggest the requirement to undertake an assessment of reasonable alternatives for development affecting Local Wildlife Sites is contrary to NPPF paragraph 174.
- Clarification sought regarding the policy wording and its relationship with site allocations.

Policy 35 Biodiversity Net Gain

| Do you support Policy 35? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 23 | 42.59% |
| No | 23 | 42.59% |
| Not sure | 8 | 14.81% |

Key Messages – Members of the public:

- Support for delivering biodiversity net gain; however further clarification is sought to understand how this can be achieved, particularly in respect of off-site mitigation.
- Object to development proposed within the Plan due to potential loss of biodiversity and loss of Green Belt.

Key Messages – Statutory consultee

- Natural England supports the inclusion of the policy and suggested wording amendments to strengthen it.

Key Messages – Development Industry:

- Suggest the policy is not necessary as it is reproducing standards set in out in the Environment Bill.
- The policy does not allow enough flexibility.
- A quantifiable figure of 10% should be removed in favour of a more flexible approach.

Policy 36 Protecting Trees, Woodland, and Hedgerows

| Do you support Policy 36? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 31 | 37.80% |
| No | 48 | 58.54% |
| Not sure | 3 | 3.66% |

Key Messages – Members of the public:

- Support for protecting existing trees, woodland, and hedgerows.
- Recommend that more protection should be afforded to mature, healthy trees.
- Object to the policy wording, which is weak and would still allow for the felling of healthy mature trees and hedgerows.
- Recommend the policy wording is amended to protect irreplaceable habitats such as ancient and veteran trees.
- Object to development proposed within the Plan due to potential loss of biodiversity and loss of Green Belt.

Key Messages – Statutory consultee

- Natural England strongly recommends a policy is included which refers to protection of ancient woodland and ancient or veteran trees or other irreplaceable habitats.

Key Messages – Development Industry:

- Recommend increasing the flexibility of the policy.

Policy SP22 Green Infrastructure

| Do you support SP22? | Total | Percent |
|----------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 31 | 57.41% |
| No | 12 | 22.22% |
| Not sure | 11 | 20.37% |

Key Messages – Members of the public:

- Support received for the aims to protect and enhance green infrastructure within South Tyneside.
- Object to development proposed within the plan due to potential negative impact upon the green infrastructure network and Green Belt.

Key Messages – Statutory consultee

- Natural England supports the inclusion of the policy and have suggested amendments to the wording that would strengthen the policy.

Key Messages – Development Industry:

- Clarification sought regarding the need for developer contributions towards new green infrastructure.

Policy 37 Protecting and Enhancing Open Spaces

| Do you support Policy 37? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 24 | 46.15% |
| No | 17 | 32.69% |
| Not sure | 11 | 21.15% |

Key Messages – Members of the public:

- Concern expressed as to how developer contributions will be calculated.
- Support received for the protection of open spaces and incorporating open spaces into new housing developments.

Key Messages – Development Industry:

- Objection to Policy 37 as it could be used to support an approach towards green infrastructure that is more onerous than the NPPF, without reasoned justification.
- Recommend the policy is reworded to make it more flexible in order to allow for other policy objectives to be achieved.

Policy SP23 Sports Provision and Playing Pitches

| Do you support SP23? | Total | Percent |
|----------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 29 | 50.88% |
| No | 18 | 31.58% |
| Not sure | 10 | 17.54% |

Key Messages – Members of the public:

- Object to the development of existing playing field and recreational land.
- Support for developing and improving existing facilities, rather than demolishing venues that are actively in use.
- Object to the use of Green Belt land for sports provision.
- Object to the use of Temple Park for new sports provision.

Key Messages – Statutory consultee:

- Sport England welcomes the Council's effort around the identification of land to create replacement playing field, however further discussions are needed between Sport England, affected clubs, and the Council, alongside the emerging playing pitch strategy.

Key Messages – Development Industry:

- Object to Policy SP23, which is in conflict with the proposal for playing field development identified in SP4.

Policy 38 Providing for Cemeteries

| Do you support Policy 38? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 32 | 74.42% |
| No | 4 | 9.30% |
| Not sure | 7 | 16.28% |

Key messages:

- Support for policy

Policy 39 Areas of High Landscape Value

| Do you support Policy 39? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 30 | 56.60% |
| No | 16 | 30.19% |
| Not sure | 7 | 13.21% |

Key Messages – Members of the public:

- Support for the extension of The Coast Area High Landscape Value to the administrative boundary with Sunderland from Trow Point.

Key Messages – Development Industry:

- The evidence base that underpins the policy could benefit from a refresh.
- The policy should be more objective with clear criteria as currently its requirements are entirely subjective and open to interpretation.
- Objection to the proposed extension of the area of High Landscape Value at Whitburn, which could hinder development opportunities.

Policy 40 Agricultural Land

| Do you support Policy 40? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 20 | 35.09% |
| No | 29 | 50.88% |
| Not sure | 8 | 14.04% |

Key Messages:

- Support received for the protection of agricultural land.
- Object to the allocation of farmland for development.
- The policy should be brought in line with national policy.

Policy 41 Green Belt

| Do you support Policy 41? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 12 | 16.22% |
| No | 50 | 67.57% |
| Not sure | 12 | 16.22% |

Key Messages:

- Object to removal of green belt as this should be a last resort.
- Support received for the NPPF exceptions proposed within the plan.

CHAPTER 12 - CONSERVING AND ENHANCING THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

Policy SP24 Heritage Assets

| Do you support SP24? | Total | Percent |
|----------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 31 | 73.81% |
| No | 8 | 19.05% |
| Not sure | 3 | 7.14% |

Key Messages:

- Support for the policy but it should acknowledge that heritage assets also include the landscape surrounding buildings within and around Village boundaries.
- The text ‘where possible’ should be included in the policy to provide flexibility.

Policy 42 World Heritage Sites

| Do you support Policy 42 | Total | Percent |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 31 | 83.78% |
| No | 5 | 13.51% |
| Not sure | 1 | 2.70% |

Key Messages:

- Support for the policy.

Policy 43 Development Affecting Designated Heritage Assets

| Do you support Policy 43? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 26 | 57.78% |
| No | 13 | 28.89% |
| Not sure | 6 | 13.33% |

Key Messages:

- Support received for the policy.
- The impact of a development on the setting of a Listed Building should be assessed against the NPPF rather than this policy.
- It is recommended that the policy should be reworded to allow for more flexibility.

Policy 44 Archaeology

| Do you support Policy 44? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 29 | 74.36% |
| No | 4 | 10.26% |
| Not sure | 6 | 15.38% |

Key Messaged:

- Support for the policy.
- Any policy requirements should be proportionate to the investigation undertaken.

Policy 45 Development Affecting Non-Designated Heritage Assets

| Do you support Policy 45? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 24 | 60.00% |
| No | 7 | 17.50% |
| Not sure | 9 | 22.50% |

Key Messages:

- Support received for the policy. Preserving local history can boost tourism.
- Concern that supporting text would allow for unidentified non-designated heritage assets to come out through the development management process.
- Recommend the policy be amended to make provide more flexibility.

Policy 46 Heritage At Risk

| Do you support Policy 46? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
|---------------------------|-------|---------|

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| Yes | 36 | 85.71% |
| No | 2 | 4.76% |
| Not sure | 4 | 9.52% |

Key Messages:

- Support received for the policy. The positive approach to policy wording is welcome.

CHAPTER 13 - WELL-DESIGNED PLACES

Policy 47 Design Principles

| Do you support Policy 47? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 26 | 53.06% |
| No | 13 | 26.53% |
| Not sure | 10 | 20.41% |

Key Messages:

- Support received for the policy.
- Concern that the policy does not align with the East Boldon Neighbourhood Plan.
- Concern there should be greater recognition of the National Design Guide and National Model Design Code.
- Sufficient flexibility is needed in the wording to ensure that the policy is not restrictive in bringing forward much needed housing supply.

Policy 48 Promoting Good Design with New Residential Developments

| Do you support Policy 48? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 29 | 59.18% |
| No | 12 | 24.49% |
| Not sure | 8 | 16.33% |

Key Messages:

- Support received for the policy.
- Recommend the policy should be in line with Building Regulations.
- Suggest the policy wording should be appropriately flexible.

Policy 49 Shopfronts

| Do you support Policy 49? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 30 | 75.00% |
| No | 2 | 5.00% |
| Not sure | 8 | 20.00% |

Key Messages:

- Support for a positively worded policy.
- Concern that the policy may not be prescriptive enough.

Policy 50 Advertisements

| Do you support Policy 50? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 29 | 76.32% |

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| No | 2 | 5.26% |
| Not sure | 7 | 18.42% |

Key Messages:

- Support received for the policy.
- Concern that the policy may not be prescriptive enough.

CHAPTER 14 - INFRASTRUCTURE

Policy SP25 Infrastructure

| Do you support SP25? | Total | Percent |
|----------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 27 | 49.09% |
| No | 18 | 32.73% |
| Not sure | 10 | 18.18% |

Key Messages:

- Object on the grounds that the policy will not be able to deliver adequate infrastructure for the proposed level of growth.
- Object to any development that increases capacity on the existing road network.
- Support received for the aims of the policy.
- Suggest it is not appropriate for the developer of an individual site to address existing failings in infrastructure.
- Sufficient flexibility should be built into the policy to enable development to come forward more readily.

Policy 51 Social and Community Infrastructure

| Do you support Policy 51? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 25 | 55.56% |
| No | 9 | 20.00% |
| Not sure | 11 | 24.44% |

Key Messages:

- Support received for the policy.
- Concern that schools will not be able to cater for additional pupils.

Key Messages – Statutory consultee:

- The Department for Education welcomes reference within the plan to support the development of appropriate social and community infrastructure.

Key Messages – Development Industry:

- Provision needs to be proportionate to the scale of any development.
- Recommend the wording in this policy be made more flexible and clearer to ensure that this policy is applied on a case-by-case basis.
- Policy should consider the viability implications of requirement.

Policy 52 Telecommunications

| Do you support Policy 52? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 28 | 70.00% |
| No | 6 | 15.00% |

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| Not sure | 6 | 15.00% |
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Key Messages:

- Support received for the policy.

Policy 53 Accessible and Sustainable Travel

| Do you support Policy 53? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 30 | 58.82% |
| No | 10 | 19.61% |
| Not sure | 11 | 21.57% |

Key Messages:

- Support received for a proposed new metro station in Hebburn.
- Support received for measures to improve public transport.

Key Messages – Statutory consultee:

- Nexus - supporting and securing investment opportunities to ensure the delivery of accessible and sustainable public transport networks.
- Sunderland City Council welcomes support for the re-opening of the Leamside Line, as well as safeguarding a railway alignment between South Shields and Sunderland.

Policy 54 Improving Capacity on the Road Network

| Do you support Policy 54? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 25 | 49.02% |
| No | 10 | 19.61% |
| Not sure | 16 | 31.37% |

Key Messages:

- Support received for measures that don't require road expansion to relieve congestion.
- Support received for any improvements to existing cycle paths.
- Objection to a proposed flyover at Tiledsheds.
- Concern that road expansion is in conflict with climate change goals.

Policy SP26 New Development

| Do you support SP26? | Total | Percent |
|----------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 32 | 53.33% |
| No | 20 | 33.33% |
| Not sure | 8 | 13.33% |

Key Messages:

- Support received for giving priority to pedestrian and cyclist movements.
- Object to proposed introduction of new cycleways until existing network is at capacity.
- Policy does not align with the East Boldon and Whitburn Neighbourhood Plans.
- Consider potential impact of development should extend to neighbouring authorities.
- Policy/supporting text is amended to confirm what will be considered when determining whether new developments are accessible.

Policy 55 Airport and Aircraft Safety

| Do you support Policy 55? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 25 | 65.79% |

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| No | 3 | 7.89% |
| Not sure | 10 | 26.32% |

Key Messages:

- Support received for the policy.

CHAPTER 15- WASTE AND MINERALS

Policy 56 Waste Facilities

| Do you support Policy 56? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 21 | 48.84% |
| No | 6 | 13.95% |
| Not sure | 16 | 37.21% |

Key Messages:

- Object to the use of Marsden Quarry as a waste disposal location for industrial waste or landfill.
- Support received for expanding and increasing the recycling facilities.
- All future waste facilities must hold a relevant waste permit from the Environment Agency.

Policy 57 Existing Waste Facilities

| Do you support Policy 57? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 23 | 57.50% |
| No | 6 | 15.00% |
| Not sure | 11 | 27.50% |

Key Messages:

- Support received for the policy.

Policy 58 Minerals Safeguarding

| Option | Total | Percent |
|----------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 23 | 53.49% |
| No | 6 | 13.95% |
| Not sure | 14 | 32.56% |

Key Messages:

- Objection to the policy, which does not address the issue of the steady and adequate supply of minerals as required by the NPPF.

Key Messages – Statutory consultee:

- Newcastle City Council would like to see specific reference is made to Red Barn Quarry.
- Northumberland County Council suggest further work in developing a policy position for the extraction of mineral resources of local and national importance (as required by Paragraph 210a of the NPPF), beyond the current planning permissions that exist as it is not clear a contribution to maintaining a steady and adequate supply will be made throughout the plan period.

Policy 59 Development Management Considerations for Minerals Extraction

| Option | Total | Percent |
|--------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 20 | 47.62% |

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| No | 5 | 11.90% |
| Not sure | 17 | 40.48% |

Key Messages:

- The Environment Agency suggests the policy should be amended to include references to protecting the natural/water environment.
- Natural England supports the direct reference to preserving soil resources in this policy. However, policy wording could be strengthened.

CHAPTER 16 - IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

Policy 60 Implementation and Monitoring

| Do you support Policy 60? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 17 | 34.69% |
| No | 18 | 36.73% |
| Not sure | 14 | 28.57% |

Key Messages:

- Concern that Local Plan monitoring should be undertaken in conjunction with the community.
- Recommend amendments to local plan indicators to strengthen monitoring.
- Support received for highlighting potential actions to be taken if policies are not being implemented.
- Recommend amendments to review the Local Plan is there are issues with housing delivery.

Policy 61 Delivering Infrastructure

| Do you support Policy 61? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 15 | 35.71% |
| No | 13 | 30.95% |
| Not sure | 14 | 33.33% |

Key Messages:

- Support received for the policy.

Policy 62 Developer Contributions, Infrastructure and Viability

| Do you support Policy 62? | Total | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Yes | 15 | 34.88% |
| No | 13 | 30.23% |
| Not sure | 15 | 34.88% |


Key Messages:

- Concern that developer contributions should be spent in the immediate vicinity of a development.
- The policy sets out a balanced approach to planning obligations and making an allowance for viability implications.

5. NEXT STEPS

- 5.1 This Statement of Consultation sets out how the Council has carried out engagement with local residents, community groups, businesses, other organisations and stakeholders in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the relevant statutory requirements. This document outlined the approach taken and provides a high-level summary of the outcome of the Regulation 18 consultation, undertaken by the Council between 20th June 2022 to 14th August 2022.
- 5.2 Following consultation on the Publication draft Local Plan (Regulation -19), a further version of this statement will be published to include a statement detailing the representations made in response to the Regulation 19 consultation. This will be the version of the consultation statement submitted alongside the Publication draft Local Plan to the Secretary of State as part of the supporting documents required under Regulation 22 of the Local Plan Regulations.

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