



Local Development Framework

Core Strategy and Development Policies Preferred Options

Statement of Consultation

October 2007

Further copies of this document and the Core Strategy and Development Policies Preferred Options document are available from:

- The Forward Planning and Performance Team;
- Our website at <http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/livingin/planning/planningpolicyandguidance/corestrategy.htm>;
- A hard copy is available for inspection at the National Park Head Office, Eastburn, South Park, Hexham and at the following libraries during normal opening hours, Bellingham, Haltwhistle, Haydon Bridge, Hexham, Kielder, Wooler and on the Northumberland County Mobile Library Service.

Alternative formats of this report are available, such as large print or audio or translated – please contact the Forward Planning and Performance Team who will be happy to discuss your needs.

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Introduction

This statement sets out the consultation undertaken during the preparation of Northumberland National Park's Core Strategy and Development Policies Preferred Options.

The Core Strategy is the document that will;

- Setting out the overall spatial planning strategy for the Park to 2021 - therefore all other policies and proposals within every LDF document will flow from the key principles set out within the Core Strategy;
- Providing the principles and policies that will guide the development and use of land;
- Determining the broad location of new housing, employment development, and environmental protection measures; and
- Translating national and regional policy objectives into the local context.

The Core Strategy should not include specific land allocations, but it should set out the broad locations for land use, which will then be outlined in detail in site specific allocations in other development plan documents.

Initial Issues and Issues and Options Consultation

There are a number of stages involved in preparing the Core Strategy document. During the summer of 2005 we consulted on Initial Issues for the LDF by holding community consultation workshops throughout the Park. The outcome of these workshops contributed to the preparation of an Issues and Options document, setting out a range of issues along with possible options for the policy approach to be taken. Extensive public consultation took place on the Issues and Options between 30 June and 11 August 2006.¹ During the consultation a number of comments were received, which have helped to shape the Preferred Options document, a summary of these comments and our response is set out in Appendix 5.

Core Strategy Preferred Options Consultation

The Core Strategy Preferred Options document was published for consultation between 27th December 2006 and 7th February 2007. From the comments received during this consultation period, the National Park Authority took the decision in March 2007 to combine the Core Strategy with the Development Control Policies document and undertake a further round of consultation prior to submitting the final document in June 2008. Details can be found in Appendix 5.

Core Strategy and Development Policies Consultation

The Core Strategy and Development Policies Preferred Options document has been published for consultation between 29th October and 10th December 2007 (see appendix 1 and 2 for groups/ individuals informed of the consultation). A number of methods will

¹ Information on who was consulted on the Issues and Options Document can be found in the Core Strategy Issues and Options Statement of Consultation which is available at <http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/csconsultationstatement.pdf>

be used to inform residents, organisations, groups and individuals of the Preferred Options document in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement:

- All statutory consultees were sent a CD containing electronic versions of the consultation documents (see appendix 4 for a copy of the consultation letter);
- The Forward Planning and Performance team will attend consultation events, (pre arranged events set out in appendix 6);
- Leaflets were sent to 958 residential households and 163 other organisations, groups and individuals (see appendix 1 and 2 for the list of consultees and appendix 4 for the letter) informing them of the consultation and the location of the documents;
- All consultation documents were made available on the Authorities website at <http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/livingin/planning/planningpolicyandguidance.htm>
- Hard copies of the document were made available at the Northumberland National Park Authority headquarters, and at the following libraries; Bellingham, Haltwhistle, Haydon Bridge, Hexham, Kielder, Wooler, including the Northumberland Mobile Library service;
- Those who had previously expressed an interest in being consulted by SMS text or email were contacted by this medium; and
- Advertisements and press releases were also placed in local and regional newspapers (appendix 3).

Appendix 1

Groups who received a CD containing the Core Strategy and Development Policies Preferred Options (October 2007)

Statutory Consultees

Alnham Parish Council	Mobile Operators Association
Alnwick District Council	Mono Consultants Limited
Alnwick Town Council	National Grid
Alwinton Parish Council	Natural England
Bardon Mill Parish Council	Network Rail
Bellingham Parish Council	North East Regional Assembly
Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Council	North West Regional Development Agency
BT Group plc	Northumberland Care Trust
Carlisle City Council	Northumberland County Council
CE Electric UK	Northumberland Health Improvement Service
Centrica plc	Northumbrian Water
Corsenside Parish Council	Office of Government Commerce
Cumbria County Council	ONE NorthEast
Defence Estates	Otterburn Parish Council
Department for Constitutional Affairs	Powergen UK PLC
Department for Culture Media & Sport	RWE npower
DEFRA	Scottish Borders Council
Department for Work and Pensions	Scottish Power
Department of Health	Strategic Rail Authority
Elsdon Parish Council	Tarset & Greystead Parish Council
English Heritage	The Home Office
English Heritage (NE)	Thirlwall Parish Council
Environment Agency	Tynedale Council
Falstone Parish Council	Warden Parish Council
Government Office For the North East	Whitton & Tosson Parish Council
Greenhead Parish Council	Wooler Parish Council
Haltwhistle Town Council	
Harbottle Parish Council	
Haydon Parish Council	
Henshaw Parish Council	
Hepple Parish Council	
Highways Agency	
Hollinghill with Rothley Parish Council	
Humshaugh Parish Council	
Ingram Parish Council	
Kirknewton Parish Council	
Melkridge Parish Council	
Ministry of Defence	

Appendix 2

Groups or individuals who have been notified of the publication of the Core Strategy and Development Policies Preferred Options document.

All Residents of Northumberland National Park

Acomb Parish Council	John Edwards Architects Ltd
Amec Project Investments Ltd	Lafarge Aggregates
Arriva North East Ltd	Lowick Parish Council
Arts Council England	Meldon Parish Council
Bain Swan Architects	Mitford Parish Council
Bavington Parish Council	Mr D Feeney
Bellingham Parish Council	MWH
Belsay Parish Council	National Farmers Union
Berwick & N N'land Local Agenda 21 Steering Group	Natural History Society of Northumbria
Biffa Waste Services Ltd	North Pennines Protection Group
Birtley Parish Council	Northern Arts
British Horse Society	Northern Rail Ltd
Budget Windows	Northumberland Business Service Limited
Building and Design Consultant	Northumberland County Council
Campaign to Protect Rural England	Northumberland Estates
Capheaton Parish Council	Northumberland Playing Fields Association
Caravan Club	Northumberland Strategic Partnership
Carter Jonas LLP	Northumberland Wildlife Trust
CEMEX UK Operations Limited	ONE NorthEast
Chollerton Parish Council	Open Spaces Society
Corsenside Parish Council	Planning Inspectorate
Council for British Archaeology	Quarry Products Association
Council for British Archaeology	R.V. Architectural Services
Council For National Parks	RPS
Countryside Alliance	RSPB
County Life Homes Ltd	Sale & Partners
CTC (Cyclists Touring Club)	Sanderson Weatherall
Design Consultant	Sandhoe Parish Council
Dickinson Dees Law Firm	Smiths Gore
DJ Purvis Custom Plant	Spence & Dower
Forestry Commission	Sport England NE
Forestry Commission	Springhouse Caravan Park
General Aviation Awareness Council	Stagecoach North West
Haltwhistle Partnership	Tarmac Ltd
Halcrow Group Limited	Tenant Farmers Association North East
Hanson Aggregates	The Coal Authority
Hedley-On-The-Hill Parish Council	Tynedale Roadstone
Hexham Civic Society	Upper Denton Parish Council
Hexham Town Council	W A Fairhurst & Partners
Historic Scotland	Ward Hadaway Solicitors
Home Builders Federation	Whalton Parish Council
Horsley Parish Council	Woodland Trust
Humshaugh Parish Council	

Appendix 3

Copy of the advertisement placed in local and regional newspapers (Hexham Courant, Berwick Advertiser, Northumberland Gazette and The Journal) for the Core Strategy and Development Policies Preferred Options document.

**Northumberland National Park Authority
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulation 26 –
Statement of proposals matters and notice of consultation.
Consultation of the Core Strategy and Development Policies Preferred Options; and
Land Allocations Development Plan Document Preferred Options**

Northumberland National Park Authority has prepared two consultation documents which when complete will form part of the Local Development Framework. The documents are: the Preferred Options for the Core Strategy and Development Policies; and the Preferred Options for Land Allocations Development Plan Document. When finalised, both documents will be used in the determination of Planning Applications. The Core Strategy will set the overall spatial planning strategy for the National Park, providing the basic principles and policies to guide development and the use of land. The Land Allocations Document will set out detailed settlement envelopes and other designations within the National Park settlements.

This is your opportunity to help make these documents effective and relevant to circumstances within Northumberland National Park.

The documents can be viewed between 8.30am and 5.00pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am to 4.30pm on Fridays, at our offices at Eastburn, South Park, Hexham, Northumberland, NE46 1BS; at the following libraries during normal opening hours: Bellingham, Haltwhistle, Haydon Bridge, Hexham, Kielder and Wooler; and on the Northumberland Mobile Library Service.

The documents are also available on the Authority website
www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/planning.

Representations on the Core Strategy and Land Allocations Document can be made between **29th October 2007 and 10th December 2007** and should be sent to: the Forward Planning Team at the above address; by e-mail to nnpaldf@hotmail.co.uk; by SMS text to 07789 950940; or by fax to 01434 611670. Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified that the Core Strategy or the Land Allocations Document has been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

For further information on the Local Development Framework call 01434 611577/ 611552 or email nnpaldf@hotmail.co.uk.

Appendix 4 Consultation Letters

Letter to Statutory Consultees

Ref: Autumn 07 consultation
Contact: Debbie Longlands
Direct Line: 01434 611552
Date: 11 October 2007

«Line_1»
«Property_Name»
«No» «Address1»
«Address2»
«Settlement»
«County»
«Postcode»

Dear Sir/ Madam

Northumberland National Park Local Development Framework Consultation Regulation 26 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004

You may recall I wrote to you in December 2006 informing you of our consultation on a number of Local Development Framework (LDF) documents. We are now at the next stage of preparing the LDF and would like your views on the following documents:

- Core Strategy and Development Policies (Preferred Options);
- Land Allocations Development Plan Document (Preferred Options);
- Sustainability Appraisals for both documents; and
- Draft (combined) Appropriate Assessment.

I enclose a CD which contains all of the consultation documents, including consultation questionnaires for each of the documents. A general Consultation Questionnaire has also been enclosed with this letter which asks for your views on how we are consulting you on the preparation of the LDF. Comments² on the consultation documents should be sent to me by the **10 December 2007**.

Please note that as a result of a number of changes to the Core Strategy following consultation in December 2006, including the incorporation of Development Control Policies, the Authority took the decision to undertake a further Preferred Options consultation to allow further engagement prior to submission in June 2008.

If you would like a hard copy of any of the documents or if you would like to discuss any aspect of the LDF please contact me.

Yours faithfully
Jo-Anne Garrick
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Tel: 01434 611577/ 611552

² Your comments may be accompanied by a request to be notified that the Core Strategy and/ or Development Control Policies and Allocations documents have been submitted for independent examination or the adoption of any of the documents above.

Letter sent to other organisations/ bodies/ individuals

Ref: Autumn 07 consultation
Contact: Debbie Longlands
Direct Line: 01434 611552
Date: 11 October 2007

«Line_1»
«Property_Name»
«No» «Address1»
«Settlement»
«County»
«Postcode»

Dear Sir/ Madam

**Northumberland National Park Local Development Framework Consultation
Regulation 26 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England)
Regulations 2004**

You may recall that I wrote to you in December 2006 seeking your views on a number of consultation documents which once complete, will make up part of our Local Development Framework (LDF). I am writing again to provide you with an opportunity to make comments on the following documents:

- Core Strategy and Development Policies (Preferred Options); and
- Land Allocations Development Plan Document (Preferred Options).

Hard copies of the documents are available for inspection at the following places:

Our offices: National Park Head Office, Eastburn, South Park, Hexham
Libraries: Bellingham, Haltwhistle, Haydon Bridge, Hexham, Kielder,
Wooler, and on the Northumberland County Mobile Library
Service.

All documents are available on our website:

www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/planning

I have enclosed a leaflet which includes details of when and where members of the Forward Planning team will be available to discuss the LDF consultation documents; and a general consultation questionnaire which asks for your views on how we are consulting you on the preparation of the LDF.

As a result of a number of changes to the Core Strategy following consultation in December 2006, including the incorporation of Development Control Policies, the Authority took the decision to undertake a further Preferred Options consultation to allow further engagement prior to submission in June 2008.

If you would like a copy of any of the consultation documents or to discuss any aspect of the LDF please contact me. Comments³ on the documents should be submitted by the **10th December 2007**.

³ Your comments may be accompanied by a request to be notified that the Core Strategy and/ or Development Control Policies and Allocations documents have been submitted for independent examination or the adoption of any of the consultation documents.

Yours faithfully

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APPENDIX 5 Summary of Comments made on the Core Strategy Issues and Options document received via consultation questionnaire

During the consultation period of 27th December 06- 7th February 2007 there were responses received in the following ways:

- Letter/ email
- Completed Preferred Options Questionnaire

21 individuals and organisations submitted responses to the Core Strategy Preferred Options document; 148 individual comments were received and 93% of these were received electronically.

A summary of all responses received and a recommended responses can be found at http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/core_strategy_preferred_options_comments.pdf.

APPENDIX 6 – Consultation event locations

Monday	5 th November Cheviot Centre, Wooler	11.00am – 3.30pm
Tuesday	6 th November Village Hall, Harbottle	6pm – 9pm
Thursday	8 th November Partnership Office, Haltwhistle	11.00am – 3.30pm
Monday	12 th November Hollybush, Greenhaugh	6pm – 9pm
Thursday	29 th November Village Hall, Kirknewton	6pm – 9pm
Tuesday	4 th December TIC, Rothbury	11.00am – 3.30pm