

- Policy SA1 – Mixed Use Development Opportunities from the Site Specific Allocations (April 2012)
- Policy SS1 from the South Shields Area Action Plan (Nov 2008)
- Policy J1 from the Jarrow Area Action Plan (Sept 2010)
- Policy H1 from the Hebburn Area Action Plan (Oct 2008)

It is considered that these strategic policies do accord with the NPPF.

Questions 3-5 don't require a response. These are noted by the Council.

6. Major housing development – paragraph 5.16 states that this is 10 homes or more. It would be helpful to include the definition in the Glossary. Would the QB and LPA confirm that it should be the same as that in the Development Management Procedure Order: “the provision of 10 or more dwelling houses or the development is to be carried out on a site having an area of 0.5 hectares or more where the number of dwellings is unknown”.

The Council confirm that the major housing development definition should be the same as that in the Development Management Procedure Order.

7. Would STC explain the basis for the figure of 397 dwellings to be delivered over the plan period

The existing LDF Policies which offer protection to European and national sites include:

- Development Management Policies DM7: Biodiversity and Geodiversity Sites
- Core Strategy Policy EA2: The Coastal Zone
- Core Strategy Policy EA3: Biodiversity and Geodiversity

The emerging Local Plan will include a dedicated Policy which addresses the protection International and national sites including the provisions for Appropriate Assessment. It is considered that the protection of these designations is addressed at a strategic level in the existing LDF and within the Emerging draft Local Plan policies.

36. Wildlife Corridors – paras 5.46 – 5.47 Would STC confirm the status of these strategic corridors and whether the areas mapped in the Wildlife Corridors Network Review December 2020 should be referred to instead of the LDF corridors. If so, the following text may be added to the end of paragraph 5.46: “South Tyneside Council completed a detailed site by site review of the wildlife corridors in December 2020. These areas are shown on the Policies Map.”

The Council concurs with proposals in Questions 37-40

Q41 is not applicable to the LPA

The Council concurs with proposal in Question 42

Q43 is not applicable to the LPA

44. Policies Map of GI and Wildlife Corridors – would the QB provide me with updated maps to show the GI drawn from the STC GI strategy (SPD3) without the Green Belt and separately the revised Wildlife Corridor.

South Tyneside Council has recently completed a Wildlife Corridor Networks Review alongside Sunderland City Council and Gateshead Council. Appendix B of this report identifies the wildlife corridor network for South Tyneside. This is the most up to date evidence available and provides a more detailed understanding of the wildlife corridors within the Neighbourhood Forum area.

See Annex 1 and 2

Q45 is not applicable to the LPA

The Council concurs with the proposed wording in Question 46.

47. Is the Shoreline Management Plan current and relevant?

The Shoreline Management Plan is considered relevant and current.

The Council concurs with proposals in Questions 48 – 50

51. The indication of the extent of the village centre by way of lines in the middle of the road means that the policy is vague and cannot be applied consistently by decision makers to specific buildings/properties. I am proposing to recommend that a boundary line should be drawn around the properties to which the policy will apply. This should be shown clearly on an Inset Map. Would the QB provide me with a map for this purpose?

See Annex 3

The Council concurs with proposals in Questions 52 – 53

Q54-55 is not applicable to the LPA

The Council concurs with proposals in Questions 56-58

Q59 is not applicable to the LPA

The Council concurs with proposals in Questions 60-61

62. As there are no Air Quality Management Areas in Whitburn, would STC confirm whether, based on their evidence, that there is an air quality issue in the Plan area and what measures can be achieved through planning controls to address it?

The Council have not identified any air quality issues in Whitburn from current air quality monitoring. None of the target for NO₂ have been exceeded at any of our diffusion tube points.