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1. Introduction

Northumberland County Council Local Development Scheme

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced major changes to the planning system with the aim of making the plan preparation process fairer and more flexible. One of these changes was the requirement for local planning authorities to prepare a new style local plan called a **Local Development Framework** (LDF).
- The new system consists of Planning Policy Statements, the Regional Spatial Strategy and the Local Development Framework. The LDF can be thought of as a portfolio of documents called **Local Development Documents** (LDDs) which set out the Council's policies and proposals for how an area will develop.
- 1.3 As part of this process local authorities must submit a 'Local Development Scheme' (LDS) to the Secretary of State, as a public statement, setting out what documents will make up the LDF and when they will be produced.
- 1.4 The first LDS for the new unitary authority Northumberland County Council was adopted in February 2009. Due principally to delays associated with Local Government Reorganisation, the Council has found it necessary to review the original LDS.
- 1.5 This second LDS has been revised to reflect the preparation of a single Core Strategy, as opposed to a separate general Core Strategy and Minerals and Waste Core Strategy, in recognition of the benefits which can be achieved by taking a holistic approach to the policy issues.
- 1.6 The timetable for the preparation of the single Core Strategy has been amended to reflect a three month delay. Adoption of the Core Strategy is now anticipated in December 2011. This has resulted in consequential amendments to the Berwick Eastern Area Arc DPD and Delivery DPD timetable.
- 1.7 It has been necessary to use some planning related terminology in writing this document. Those terms are explained throughout this document and also within the glossary of terms.

2. LGR and Transition

2 Local Government Reorganisation and the Transitional Arrangements

- 2.1 The County and Districts in Northumberland were replaced from 1 April 2009 by a new unitary Council. In preparation for this, the planning service was identified as an 'accelerator project' which meant that work had commenced by the 'transitional' local planning authority in advance of April 2009.
- 2.2 The first LDS was prepared under the 'Transitional Regulations' in order to meet the requirement of the Regulation 22 (b), which required the transitional Council will submit a LDS to the Secretary of State not later than three months before the reorganisation date (31 December 2008).
- 2.3 It was prepared at a time of uncertainty regarding the structure of the new Council; levels of staffing and financial resources; and timescales for populating staffing structures.
- A significant amount of progress has been made towards progressing the evidence base for the LDF, however, principally due to delays in populating staffing structures for the new Council, the timetable for the preparation of the LDF has slipped.
- 2.5 The LDS has, therefore, been revised to reflect the preparation of a single Core Strategy, as opposed to a separate general Core Strategy and Minerals and Waste Core Strategy, in recognition of the benefits which can be achieved by taking a holistic approach to the policy issues.
- 2.6 The timetable for the preparation of the single Core Strategy has also been amended to reflect a three month delay. Adoption of the Core Strategy is now anticipated December 2011. This has resulted in consequential amendments to the Berwick Eastern Area Arc DPD and Delivery DPD timetable.
- 2.7 Local Development Documents which are in the process of being prepared and adopted before the Regulations come into force can, in the interests of continuity, be taken forward by the predecessor councils. These documents do not need to be included in the LDS.
- 2.8 Any documents which are in the process of being prepared and which are anticipated to be adopted post the Regulations coming into force have been included in the LDS.

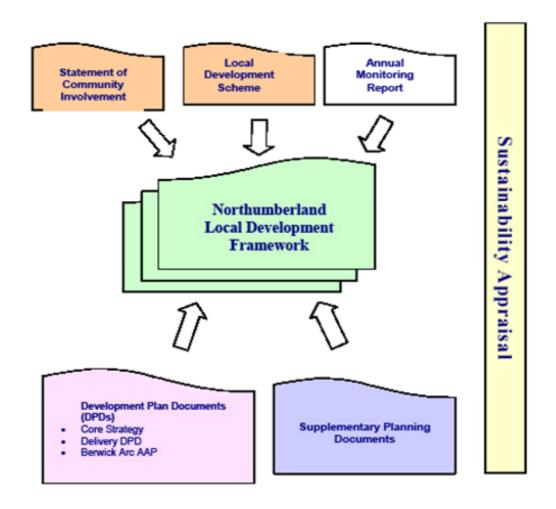
¹ The Local Government (Structural Changes) (Transitional Arrangements) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 as amended by The Local Government (Further Transitional and Supplementary Provisions and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2009.

3. LDF

3 Local Development Framework

- 3.1 The Local Development Framework is essentially the overarching term given to the portfolio of Local Development Documents comprising; a Statement of Community Involvement, Development Plan Documents (DPDs), Supplementary Planning Documents, a Local Development Scheme (this document) and an Annual Monitoring Report. These are described in more detail below.
- 3.2 Figure 1 describes the various Local Development Documents that make up the Local Development Framework. These are considered individually in the following paragraphs.

Figure 1 - Local Development Framework



Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

- 3.3 The SCI is a Local Development Document. It sets out the process and methods for involving the community (public and stakeholders) in;
 - the preparation, alteration and review of development plan documents
 - the determination of planning applications,
 - the approach to pre-application discussions, and
 - the approach to community involvement in planning obligations (S106 agreements).
- It sets out who will be involved at what point and how, as well as the time and resources required to support this involvement. Each existing authority currently had its own SCI. These will be replaced by a new SCI for Northumberland when adopted in November 2009.

<u>Local Development Scheme (LDS)</u>

3.5 The LDS is the project management plan for the production of the Council's LDF. It sets out which DPDs and SPDs are to be produced, states when they are to be produced and includes, a brief description of their content and the geographic area to which they relate.

Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)

The AMR will assess the implementation of the LDS and the extent to which policies in Local Development Documents are being successfully implemented. It will also include progress against any relevant national and regional targets and actions where necessary to readdress matters which are highlighted as having unintended significant effects on the implementation of policies.

Development Plan Documents

- 3.7 Development Plan Documents set out the planning framework to guide future development, including where new housing, employment and community facilities will be located. They also provide a framework against which planning applications will be assessed.
 - Core Strategy: This sets out the vision, spatial strategy and core policies for the spatial development of the area. It should be one of the first DPDs to be produced and all other DPDs must be in conformity with it. The Core Strategy may also contain strategic allocations which are essential to the delivery of the spatial strategy.

- Allocation DPDs; Land allocations for specific uses should be made in a development plan document. Allocation DPDs can either be prepared on a geographical basis (i.e. settlement DPD) or a thematic basis (housing, employment etc.)
- Area Action Plans should be used to provide a planning framework for areas where significant change or conservation is needed. A key feature of area action plans will be the focus on implementation such as delivering planned growth areas or stimulating regeneration initiatives.
- **Proposals Map:** The proposals map should illustrate all the policies and proposals contained in DPDs. It should be a separate DPD which must be revised as new DPDs are prepared.

Key Stages of Development Plan Production

- Planning Policy Statement 12 'Local Spatial Planning' was published on 4 June 2008 alongside a new set of Local Development Framework (LDF) Regulations and a web-based Plan Making Manual 'Creating LDFs'.
- 3.9 PPS12 came into force immediately and the new regulations came into force on 28 November 2008.
- 3.10 The new PPS12 represents an updated, slimmed down and more succinct version of previous guidance. The revised policy approach is designed to be simpler, quicker and more flexible. There is now a single statutorily prescribed consultation, followed by publication and submission of a DPD.
- 3.11 The key production stages for DPDs that make up the Local Development Framework are summarised below and shown in Figure 2 and below.

Preparation of the evidence base

It is essential that Core Strategies and other DPDs are based on a thorough evidence base in order to ensure that the choices made by the Plan are informed up by the evidence.

Public participation in the Preparation of the Development Plan

There is now a single statutorily prescribed consultation stage, known as 'Regulation 25'. There is significant emphasis on the concept of 'front loading' and building consensus at an early stage of the plan preparation process. This stage may not necessarily be an isolated stage of consultation that takes a set period of time. Instead there may be a variety of activities, which happen more than once and at different stages.

Publication of a Development Plan Document

Before submitting a DPD to the Secretary of State, the Local Planning Authority must publish the proposed submission document and notify specific consultation and general consultation bodies. The publication of the DPD is not considered to be an additional stage of public consultation. The DPD is published only for representations (relating to issues of soundness) to be made.

Submission of a Development Plan Document

The Council must submit the DPD to the Secretary of State, together with a summary of the representations raised.

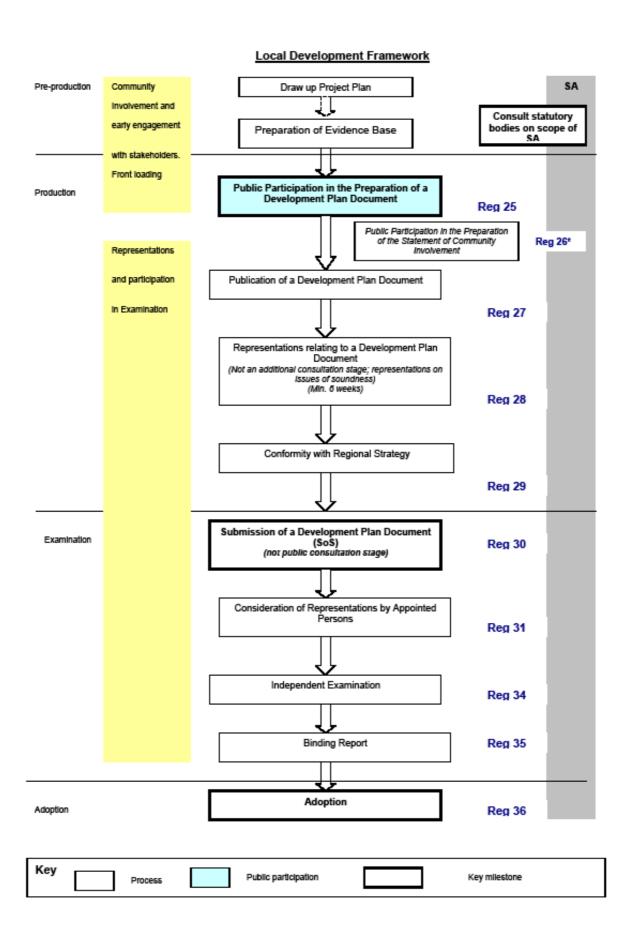
Examination in public

The DPD is considered by a Planning Inspector at an Independent Examination to assess the soundness of the Plan and representations raised.

Adoption

An Inspector's report will be issued following the independent examination, which will set out binding recommendations for how the documents must be changed. The Council can then proceed to adopt the Plan.

Figure 2 Key Stages of Development Plan Production



Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)

3.12 A planning authority may prepare SPDs to expand upon and provide greater detail on the policies in a DPD. They can provide detailed guidance on specific topics such as affordable housing, or provide detailed design guidance for a specific site. The documents will not be subject to an Independent Examination but will undergo public consultation and a sustainability appraisal.

Key stages of SPD Production

3.13 The key stages of production for each SPD are summarised in Figure 3 and below.

Evidence gathering

Collection of the necessary information in order to prepare the SPD. The Evidence gathered should be proportionate to the scale and nature of the SPD and as up to date as practical.

Preparation of the draft SPD

The policies of an SPD must be in conformity with the core strategy and other DPD or a 'saved policy'.

Public participation

Consultation will be carried out in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement for a period of, not less than four weeks, or not more than six weeks...

Representations and finalise SPD

Representations received during the course of consultation will be assessed and any necessary amendments t the SPD made.

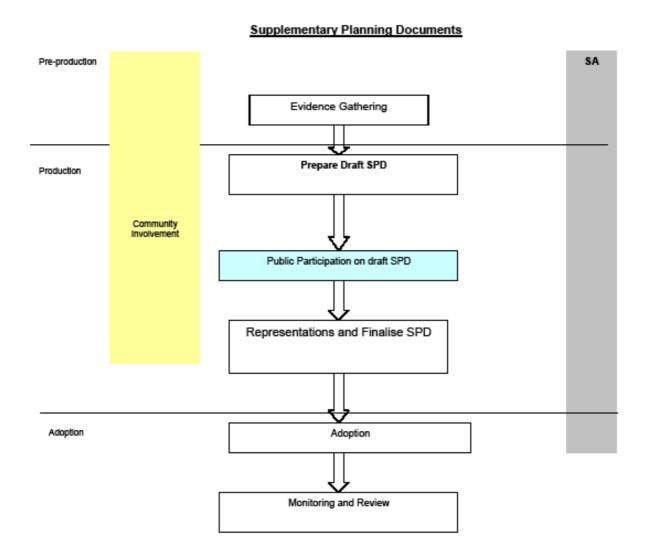
Adoption

The DPD is considered by a Planning Inspector at an Independent Examination to assess the soundness of the Plan and representations raised.

Adoption

Adoption of the final scheme will be notified as soon as practicable by formal notice and the council's website.

Figure 3 Key Stages of Supplementary Planning Document Production



4. SA and AA

4 Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA)

- 4.1 The sustainability appraisal (SA) will perform a key role in providing a sound evidence base for the plan and form an integrated part of the plan preparation process informing the evaluation of alternatives. It should be proportional to the plan. An SA is required by S19(5) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. If an SA is carried out following the guidelines in the "Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive and the Plan Making Manual" a separate Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) will not be required.
- 4.2 The requirements set out in the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive, ensure that planning documents are produced with a view to contributing towards the achievement of sustainable development. The SEA Directive has introduced the need to carry out formal, Strategic Environmental Assessments of plans and documents which are likely to have significant effects on the environment.
- 4.3 The directive applies to all local development documents and requires that the public, and also the authorities likely to be concerned by the environmental effects of implementing the plan or programme by reason of their environmental responsibilities, are consulted as part of the SEA process.
- 4.4 The Habitats Directive requires that an 'Appropriate Assessment' (AA) should be undertaken on all emerging DPDs and SPDs in order to ensure that the policies and proposals will not, either individually or cumulatively, have a significant effect on the integrity of International and European designated sites.
- 4.5 It is envisaged that the SA and AA will be undertaken in parallel.

5. Related Plans and Strategies

5 Related Plans and Strategies

- 5.1 The new system places greater emphasis on spatial planning and the corporate role of the LDF linking into the Sustainable Community Strategy and other corporate documents. The LDF will deliver the spatial elements of other local authority strategies including the housing, education, health, transport and regeneration strategies.
- All local authorities have a duty to produce a 'Sustainable Community Strategy' (SCS). The SCS for Northumberland (2007-2021) is an overarching, long-term, multi-agency strategy; to promote the social economic and environmental well being of the area and reflect local needs and circumstances. It outlines an aspirational long term vision for the communities of Northumberland and defines a series of shared priorities and 28 Objectives to support the delivery of the vision. A substantive review of the SCS is to be carried out during 2009/10 with adoption anticipated in Spring 2010.
- 5.3 The vision for the Sustainable Community Strategy is as set out below. This vision has been translated into 7 Key themes (set out in figure 4 below) and 28 objectives.
- The Northumberland Local Area Agreement 2008-2011 sets out a range of specific targets/indicators in order to measure progress of achievement against the SCS objectives. The LDF will directly assist in delivering a number of targets:
 - NI 154 Net additional homes provided
 - NI 159 Supply of ready to develop housing sites
 - NI155 Number of affordable homes delivered.
 - NI 186 Per capita reduction in CO2 emissions in the Local authority area
 - N! 188 Planning to adapt to Climate Change
 - NI 189 Flood and coastal erosion management
- 5.5 The LDF will also indirectly assist in delivering a wide range of targets, through for example, the provision of land. The following diagrams show the relationship between the LDF and the SCS and LAA and also how the LDF can assist in delivering those objectives.

Northumberland Sustainable Community Strategy Vision

Our vision is that we work together to release the strength of all our communities so that everyone in Northumberland has the same life opportunities, is broadly satisfied with the quality of their lives and is able to influence decisions that affect them.

Figure 4 Relationship of the Northumberland LDF, Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement

Sustainable Community Strategy	LDF Contribution
Enjoy a good standard of living Living safely in comfort	 Availability of employment sites and access Transport social and environmental infrastructure Housing-location, accessibility, levels and type of tenure Access to goods and services Facilitation of education and training facilities Encourage key growth sectors of economy Providing a range of types of housing; affordable and specialised housing; housing market renewal Creating welcoming, safe and attractive places
Leading healthier lifestyles	 High quality design; high quality streetscape, landscaping; open space Recreational and leisure and youth facilities Parks, recreation and sports provision Transport, walking and cycling, air quality Access to goods services and employment Provision of walking and cycling routes Provision of housing thereby enabling
Readily access the things we need	 independent living Safeguarding existing service centre functions of primary and secondary settlements Protection of rural services and facilities Encouraging dual use of facilities in sustainable locations Creation of sustainable patterns of development, making public transport, walking
Taking part in cultural activities	 and cycling more attractive Enabling cultural and tourism led regeneration Enabling provision of facilities in sustainable locations Supporting townscape heritage initiatives and
Caring about our environment	 interpretation of the built environment Protecting biodiversity, geodiversity, natural resources, high quality landscapes, green belt and open countryside Location of development tin sustainable locations in main towns, secondary service centres and villages Sustainable transport, walking and cycling Renewable energy Sustainable housing construction and renewal Sustainable minerals and waste extraction that protects the environment for future generations
Getting involved in and bringing about change	 Enabling provision of community facilities Innovative LDF consultation to actively engage the local community, stakeholders and businesses

6. Development Plan Context

6 The Development Plan Context – The Current Framework

- 6.1 The statutory development plan is the starting point in the consideration of planning applications for the development and use of land. It is made up of the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) and Development Plan Documents produced by Local Planning Authorities. Development Plan Documents will replace existing local plans. However, in the transitional period, the Secretary of State has made provisions to save local plan policies as part of the statutory development plan, until such time as they are replaced by adopted Development Plan Policies.
- The following documents (set out in Section 6 and 7) are currently the development plan for Northumberland.

Strategic Policies

Regional Spatial Strategy

6.3 The Regional Spatial Strategy for the North East of England (July 2008) represents a long term vision to tackle climate change, address housing shortages and strengthen the regions economy.

Northumberland County and National Park Joint Structure Plan First Alteration (Adopted February 2005)

6.4 The Northumberland County and National Park Joint Structure Plan (First alteration) was adopted February 2005 and formed the basis of sub-regional planning guidance. Under the new planning system the Structure Plan has been replaced by the recently adopted Regional Spatial Strategy. There is only one saved policy post July 2008, which relates to the Green Belt. This is detailed in Appendix 1.

Northumberland Mineral and Waste Development Framework

Northumberland County Council adopted the Minerals Local Plan in 2000 and the Waste Local Plan in 2001. The new authority will be preparing a single Core Strategy, which will cover minerals and waste issues, as part of the Local Development Framework. Saved policies are detailed in Appendix 1.

Local Policies

Saved Policies of Existing Local Plans

Most of the current District and Borough Council's prepared District Wide Local Plans under the old planning system (pre 2004). Some policies of these Local Plans have been saved until they are gradually replaced by new Development Plan Policies. In the meantime, these

'saved policies' form part of the development plan. A list of saved policies of the following District Wide Local Plans are set out at Appendix 1. The Wansbeck District Local Plan is a replacement Local Plan adopted in 2007. The policies are automatically saved until July 2010 and it is likely that the Council will apply to the Secretary of State to extend the policies beyond this date.

- Alnwick District Wide Local Plan (1997)
- Berwick-upon-Tweed Local Plan (1999)
- Blyth Valley District Local Plan (1999)
- Castle Morpeth District Local Plan (2003)
- Tynedale District Local Plan 2000
- Wansbeck District Local Plan 2007.

<u>Local Development Framework – Development Plan Documents</u> (DPDs)

- 6.7 Since the introduction of the new Local Development Framework system in 2004, Local Authorities in Northumberland have made significant progress in the production and adoption of Core Strategies for their specific area. The adopted Core Strategies listed below will provide the key strategic direction and spatial strategy for Northumberland until they are replaced by the new Northumberland Core Strategy. Detailed lists of the Core Strategy policies are set out in Appendix 2.
 - Alnwick Core Strategy (2007)
 - Blyth Valley Core Strategy (2007)
 - Tynedale Core Strategy (2007)
- 6.8 Blyth Valley has also produced a 'Development Control Policies' DPD which contains a number of generic design and development control policies against which planning applications are assessed. This will form part of the planning framework for the geographical area of Blyth Valley until it is replaced.

<u>Local Development Framework – Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)</u>

6.9 Some Local Authorities have prepared or are in the process of preparing a number of SPDs. Those which have been adopted form part of the planning framework for Northumberland and are detailed

below. Supplementary Planning Documents currently in preparation and new SPDs are detailed in the LDF programme (Section 7).

- Blyth Valley Borough Council LDF, SPD, Urban Design Guide and Public Realm Strategy (adopted 3 July 2008).
- Blyth Valley Borough Council LDF, SPD, Commissioner's Quay Development Brief (adopted 3 July 2008)
- Blyth Valley Borough Council LDF, SPD, Dun Cow Quay Development Brief (adopted 3 July 2008)
- Blyth Valley Borough Council LDF, SPD, Bus Depot Site Development Brief (adopted 3 July 2008)
- Blyth Valley Borough Council LDF, SPD, Supermarket Site Development Brief (adopted 3 July 2008)
- Blyth Valley Borough Council LDF, SPD, Bates Colliery Strategic Development Guide (adopted 19 August 2008).
- Tynedale District Council LDF, SPD, New Housing: Planning Obligations for Sport and Play Facilities (adopted 7 March 2006)
- Wansbeck Design Guide SPD including Residential Extension Design Guidance and Residential Development Design Guidance (adopted 3 July 2007).
- Newbiggin-by-the-Sea Conservation Area Management Plan SPD (adopted February 2009)
- Wansbeck Provision for Sport and Play SPD (adopted February 2009)

7. A New Northumberland LDF

7 Local Development Programme – A New Northumberland LDF

- 7.1 The Northumberland Council is keen to make rapid progress in the preparation of the Northumberland LDF. In recognition of this, work started on key documents and the evidence base for the LDF before the formal vesting day for the new Council on 1 April 2009.
- 7.2 In preparing the Northumberland LDS, Consultants 'Baker Associates' were commissioned to undertake a 'First Steps Appraisal' to identify which current and planned Local Development Documents (LDDs), across the seven local planning authorities, should be included. The LDDs identified in existing local authority LDSs, were systematically assessed against a set of appraisal criteria which reflect the guidance in Planning Policy Statement 12.
- 7.3 This information was then considered by planning policy managers across Northumberland through the Northumberland Planning Officers Group. This process resulted in a number of LDDs being identified as priorities for production in the first three years of the new council which were included in the first LDS.
- 7.4 As explained earlier, due to delays associated with Local Government Reorganisation, it is now intended to prepare a single Core Strategy, covering both general planning issues and minerals and waste issues. The LDF will now include the following LDDs.
 - Northumberland Statement of Community Involvement
 - Northumberland Core Strategy
 - Northumberland Delivery Development Plan Document
 - Berwick Town Eastern Arc Area Action Plan
- 7.5 A number of Supplementary Planning Documents were also identified as priorities by the existing local authorities, or required to support existing Core Strategies, these are;
 - Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document
 - Alnwick Landscape Character Assessment Supplementary Planning Document
 - Alnwick Planning for Renewables Supplementary Planning Document
 - Blyth Central Conservation Area Management Strategy Supplementary Planning Document

- Bedlington Conservation Area Management Strategy
- Newbiggin-by-the-Sea Conservation Area Management Strategy (adopted February 2009)
- Wansbeck Provision for Sport and Play (adopted February 2009)
- Blyth Cowpen Quay Community Plan Supplementary Planning Document
- 7.6 It is now not intended to produce the Blyth Community Quay Community Plan Supplementary Planning Document. Proposals for the Cowpen Quay area have been scaled down to the extent that an SPD is now no longer required.
- 7.7 An additional SPD has been identified since the adoption of the original LDS, in order to provide the framework for the regeneration and development of Ashington Town Centre, consistent with the Council's regeneration priorities.
- 7.8 A schedule setting out the Local Development Documents to be prepared and a timetable for doing so is shown in Figure 4. This is represented graphically with detailed key milestones in Appendix 3. Those LDDs previously identified in the district LDSs which are not progressing under the Northumberland LDS are detailed in Appendix 4. Development Briefs for major housing allocations may also be prepared as resources permit.
- 7.9 Detailed profiles and key milestone for these LDDs are set out in Section 8.

Justification for the Proposed LDF Programme

- 7.10 It was originally proposed to prepare two Core Strategies for Northumberland, a general Core Strategy and a Minerals and Waste Core Strategy, as the first stage of the LDF programme.
- 7.11 The rationale for proposing two separate Core Strategies reflected a number of factors prevalent at the time of drafting the LDS including:
 - There continues to be significant interest in developing new mineral and waste sites in Northumberland. The existing Minerals and Waste Local Plans are out of date and there is a need to provide a new planning framework for the consideration of major minerals and waste proposals.
 - A significant amount of work had been carried out for the 3
 Minerals and Waste Development Framework documents which
 were withdrawn in January 2008. Most of the evidence base
 remains relevant and only requires updating, thus reducing the
 time needed to advance to submission.

- Due to the potentially controversial nature of minerals and waste issues, it was considered preferable to progress two separate Core Strategies in order to minimise risks to the main Core Strategy.
- 7.12 Due to other work priorities, the time taken to populate structures in the new Planning Strategy Service and the shortage of specialist minerals and waste planning staff, the preparation of the MWCS fell behind schedule. Consideration has, therefore, been given to how to proceed in light of this delay.
- 7.13 It has been decided to prepare a single Core Strategy incorporating both general planning issues and minerals and waste issues. The benefits of this approach are set out below:
 - It will enable the overall strategy for Northumberland to be considered holistically, including the setting of clear regeneration and land use priorities. In particular it will enable the consideration of the impact of minerals and waste developments on the overall regeneration strategy for Northumberland.
 - It will require the production of a single evidence base underpinning the Core Strategy.
 - It will allow for a single consultation process, thus avoiding confusion and consultation fatigue.
 - It will maximise economies of scale resulting in resource savings thus enabling the Council to concentrate resources on the adoption of the Core Strategy.
- 7.14 It is proposed to produce a 'Northumberland Delivery DPD: Delivering Sustainable Communities' following the Core Strategy.
- 7.15 It will provide the spatial delivery framework for the vision, objectives and strategic policies of the Sustainable Community Strategy and Northumberland Core Strategy, through the inclusion of site specific policies and proposals.
- 7.16 Economic, commercial and housing led regeneration will be the key driver for the 'step change' required in order to achieve an urban and rural renaissance in Northumberland. This DPD will ensure that new development is directed towards the most appropriate locations and sites in order to support the overall strategy and regeneration initiatives and turn the vision into reality 'on the ground'.
- 7.17 Northumberland is facing significant development pressure including:
 - Significant housing development pressure in Blyth and Cramlington, reflecting proximity to Tyneside.
 - Pressure for new housing development in the attractive rural northern areas of Alnwick, Berwick, the coastal strip and the commuter pressure area of the Tyne Valley.
 - Significant retail interest in the County's main towns including:

- Multi-million pound private sector investment planned for Cramlington town centre.
- Significant retail interest in the Borough's market towns of Alnwick, Berwick, Morpeth and Hexham, and Ashington.

7.18 A Delivery DPD is crucial to assist manage this development pressure and significant change and provide confidence and certainty to the development industry.

- 7.19 Whilst the current economic climate, has resulted in a significant slowdown of new development, it is important that the necessary planning framework is in place in order to ensure that when the economy picks up, developers can move ahead with new developments with confidence and certainty.
- 7.20 Coupled with this development pressure, Northumberland also has significant regeneration needs as a result of its industrial and mining legacy:
 - Regeneration of main towns of south east Northumberland, including significant public sector investment by the RDA and Las.
 - Housing market renewal issues in the main towns of S E Northumberland.
 - Regeneration of former industrial areas-Blyth Estuary-Bates Colliery; Cambois; issue of new power station and how it relates to surrounding communities.
 - Regeneration of market towns of Alnwick, Berwick, Morpeth, Hexham through market town initiatives and Townscape Heritage Initiatives (also Blyth; Bedlington) and also the need to manage change within historic built environments

7.21 In conclusions the benefits of producing a Delivery DPD are as follows:

- Enable a holistic approach to spatial planning, at a level of detail not possible in the Core Strategy, thereby complementing the Core Strategy and ensuring the delivery of Sustainable Community Strategy objectives on the ground.
- It will assist in managing significant change and development pressure.
- It will assist in meeting the regeneration needs of Northumberland.
- It will assist in ensuring the delivery of new housing in line with government objectives and PSA target 20.

- It will provide certainty and confidence to the development industry, crucial in the current economic climate.
- It will provide a proactive, plan led approach to determining the most appropriate location for new development.
- It will avoid a reactive approach, whereby the location of new development is determined on an ad-hoc, first come, first-served basis, or at costly appeals.
- It will enable a plan-led approach to determining the location of new retail development in line with PPS6.
- It will support the development of key growth sectors of the local economy such as bioscience, tourism, creative industries and renewables and prevent the loss of employment land to inappropriate development.
- Provide a robust framework for the regeneration of town centres, and support the CPO process, providing confidence to public and private investors.
- 7.23 A Berwick Eastern Area Arc Action Plan has also been identified in order to guide the future regeneration and redevelopment of the communities of Berwick town centre, upper and lower Tweedmouth and Spittal. The AAP will provide detailed policy guidance on the management of change across a number of strategic regeneration sites.

Figure 5: Schedule of Proposed Local Development Documents

Document Title	Status	Brief Description	Chain of conformity	Commence/ Consult on Scope of Sustainability Appraisal	Date of Publication (Reg 27)	Date for submission to Secretary of State (Reg 30)	Proposed date for adoption
Statement of Community Involvement	LDD	Document setting out basis for engagement with people and organisations in the development of planning policies and development management decisions.	All LDDs must conform with the SCI	N/A	April 2009	N/A	November 2009
Core Strategy + Proposals Map Part 1	DPD	Sets out the vision, objectives and strategy for the spatial development of Northumberland. Includes minerals and waste issues.	General Conformity with RSS and national PPS's. Sustainable Community strategy	April 2009	December 2010	April 2011	December 2011
Northumber- land Delivery DPD: Delivering Sustainable Communities + Proposals Map revised	DPD	To guide the future location of new development; contain proposals for new development; support regeneration initiatives and provide a framework for the consideration of planning applications.	To conform with the Core Strategy.	November 2011	June 2013	October 2013	October 2014
Berwick Town Eastern Arc Area Action Plan	DPD	Sets out integrated policies including site specific regenerative opportunities and strategic links in transport, urban design and townscape for the future regeneration and development of four areas.	To conform with the Core Strategy.	September 2009	December 2010	April 2011	February 2012

Figure 5: Schedule of Proposed Local Development Documents (continued)

Supplementary Planning Documents

Document Title	Status	Brief Description	Chain of conformity	Date of Publication of Draft	Considering Representations (Reg 18)	Proposed date for adoption (Reg 19)
				(Reg 17)		,
Affordable Housing	SPD	Provides detailed guidance to the Council and developers on how the Council will implement the affordable housing policies of the Council	To conform with the Core Strategy.	November 2011	Dec 2011-Feb 2012	April 2012
Alnwick Landscape Character	SPD	Provides detailed guidance to the Council and developers with regards to how the landscape character approach will be applied when considering the management of change within the landscape of the District of Alnwick. SL to update	To conform with the Alnwick Core Strategy (Policy S13)	Nov 2008 Re-drafting and publication: November 2009	Dec 08–Jan 2009 November- December 2009	April 2010
Alnwick Planning for Renewables	SPD	Provides advice and guidance to developers with regards to how proposals for the generation of all types of renewable energy will be supported and considered within the District of Alnwick (excluding the National Park). SL to update	To conform with the Alnwick Core Strategy (Policy S21)	Feb 2009	Mar-September 2009	November 2009
Blyth Central Conservation Area Management Strategy	SPD	Provides advice and guidance to the Council, developers and landowners of how the process of improvement and change will be managed within the Blyth Central Conservation Area.	To conform with the Blyth Valley Core Strategy.	October 2010	November 2010-January 2011	April 2011
Bedlington Conservation Area Management Strategy	SPD	Provides advice and guidance to the Council, developers and landowners of how the process of improvement and change will be managed within the Bedlington Conservation Area.	To conform with the Wansbeck District Local Plan	October 2009	October- November-2008	February 2010

Document Title	Status	Brief Description	Chain of conformity	Date of Publication of Draft (Reg 17)	Considering Representations (Reg 18)	Proposed date for adoption (Reg 19)
Ashington Town Centre SPD	SPD	Provides a detailed framework for the regeneration and re-development of Ashington town centre.	To conform with the Wansbeck Local Plan and the emerging Northumberland Core Strategy	November 2009	December 2009-Jan 2010	April 2010

8. Local Development Document Profiles

8 Local Development Document Profiles

8.1 It is proposed that Northumberland Local Development Framework include both the existing saved policies and Core Strategies (identified in section 6 and 7) and 14 new Local Development Documents as set out in figure 4.

Geographical Coverage and Conformity

8.2 Unless otherwise stated, all LDDs will cover the whole of Northumberland excluding the area of the Northumberland National Park. All LDDs will conform to the Northumberland Statement of Community Involvement, will reflect national planning policy statements, be in general conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy and have regard to the Local Development Frameworks of adjoining authorities. Particular plans or strategies relevant to specific LDDs will be detailed in the individual profiles.

Arrangements for Production

- 8.3 Arrangements for production for all DPDs will be the responsibility of the Planning Strategy service and its component teams including:
 - Local Development Framework Team
 - Spatial Planning, Delivery and Monitoring Team
 - Strategic Planning and Sustainability Team
- 8.4 The LDF is a corporate priority and services and staff from across the whole Council will be involved in the preparation of DPDs. Steps will be taken to ensure ensuring that strategy development and community involvement are aligned as far as possible.
- 8.4 An LDF Members working group has been established to advise the Executive on matters pertaining to the LDF and related planning strategy activities. The Executive will be responsible for authorising preparatory stages of the DPD process. Full Council will be responsible for decision making stages of DPD production such as adoption.
- 8.5 The work will generally be undertaken 'in-house', however, consultants will be engaged on specific projects where there is a lack of specific expertise or capacity in the team.

Post Production

8.6 The Annual Monitoring Report will assess production against the key milestones and identify any necessary action.

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

- 8.7 The Statement of Community Involvement will set out how the new authority will consult on future development plan documents and also major planning applications. It is one of the first documents to be prepared by the new Authority and all other LDDs must conform to it.
- 8.8 The 2009 Regulations¹, removes the requirement for the SCI to be formally submitted to the Secretary of State or subject to a formal independent examination.
- 8.9 The draft SCI was subject to consultation from April to June 2009 and comments received have been taken on board in preparing the final SCI. The SCI will be adopted in November 2009.

Key milestones for the preparation of the Statement of Community Involvement

Commence building and collating evidence base	June 2008
Formal notification of production	Dec 2008
Community involvement in Stakeholder events	Dec 2008 /Jan 2009
Consultation on Draft	Apr/June 2009
Submission to Secretary of State	NA
Adoption and publication	November 2009

^{1.} The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2009

Core Strategy

- 8.10 In line with PPS12 the Core Strategy will be one of the first Development Plan Documents to be prepared. It will build upon the work undertaken for the existing Core Strategies for Northumberland.
- 8.11 The Core Strategy will provide a spatial expression of the Sustainable Community Strategy and show how spatial planning can help to deliver the objectives of the Plan.
- 8.12 It will also closely align with other plans and strategies such as the Local Transport Plan and Housing Strategy, ensuring a co-ordinated approach to the delivery of common objectives.
- 8.13 It will set out the vision and spatial strategy for Northumberland and contain strategic sites which are essential for the delivery of the strategy. The Core Strategy will be in general conformity with the RSS.
- 8.14 The single Core Strategy will cover both general planning issues and minerals and waste issues.
- 8.15 The first phase of the work programme will be to put in place the evidence base for the Core Strategy. It is anticipated that this will largely be well progressed by March 2010. It is envisaged that the Core Strategy will be adopted by the end of 2011.
- 8.16 The Core Strategy will contain:

The Vision	High level development management policies
Strategic objectives	Delivery and investment plan
A Spatial Strategy	A key diagram/Proposals map
Strategic policies	Monitoring indicators
Strategic allocations	

- 8.17 It will contain policies which seek to:
- Meet the needs of local development sustainably;
- Develop a balanced housing market;
- Support regeneration and economic growth;
- Create a healthy, socially inclusive, accessible and vibrant community;
- Protect and enhance a high quality environment.
- Meet the needs for the supply of minerals and the management of waste sustainably, whilst protecting communities and the environment from adverse impacts

Key milestones for the preparation of the Core Strategy

Consult on scope of Sustainability Appraisal	April 2009
Public participation in preparation of CS DPD (Reg 25)	July 2009-July
	2010
Publication of CS DPD: (Reg 27)	December 2010
Submission of CS DPD: (Reg 30)	April 2011
Independent Examination: (Reg 34)	July 2011
Adoption (Reg 36)	December 2011

Northumberland Delivery DPD: Delivering Sustainable Communities

- 8.17 A Delivery DPD will follow the production of the Core Strategy, taking advantage of opportunities for synergy in production and engagement timetables. It will provide the spatial delivery framework for the vision, objectives and strategic policies of the Sustainable Community Strategy and Northumberland Core Strategy, through the inclusion of designations, site-specific policies and proposals.
- 8.18 Economic, commercial and housing led regeneration will be the key driver for the 'step change' required in order to achieve an urban and rural renaissance in Northumberland. This DPD will ensure that new development is directed towards the most appropriate locations and sites in order to support the overall strategy and regeneration initiatives and turn the vision into reality 'on the ground'. It will include proposals for new development including:
 - Housing: ensuring the delivery of new housing (including affordable housing) in line with government objectives and PSA target 20, and providing confidence and certainty to the development industry.
 - Economic and employment land: supporting the development of key growth sectors of the local economy such as bioscience, tourism, creative industries and renewables.
 - Retailing: Enabling a plan led approach to determining the location of new retail development in line with PPS6; supporting regeneration proposals, public and private sector investment and CPO processes.
 - Infrastructure and Community facilities
 - Small scale minerals and waste allocations
- 8.19 Submission of the DPD is scheduled to follow the receipt of the Inspectors report for the Core Strategy in order to ensure that the high level principles established in the Core Strategy are considered to be sound before submission of this DPD.

Key milestones for the preparation of the DPD Document

Consult on scope of Sustainability Appraisal	Nov 2011
Public participation in preparation of ND DPD (Reg 25)	March 2012-
	November 2012
Publication of ND DPD: (Reg 27)	June 2013
Submission of ND DPD: (Reg 30)	October 2013
Independent Examination: (Reg 34)	February 2014
Adoption (Reg 36)	October 2014

Berwick Eastern Arc Area Action Plan

- 8.20 The geographic coverage of this Area Action Plan comprises the communities of Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Centre, upper and lower Tweedmouth, and Spittal.
- 8.21 Regional, sub-regional and local partners have identified the need for a step change in the social and economic performance of the town of Berwick-upon-Tweed and the preparation of a spatial strategy which will act as an exemplar for market town regeneration in the north east region.
- 8.22 The town has been identified as a community with unfulfilled potential and a fragile cultural and heritage asset, which requires a holistic approach to the transformation of its aspirations and a positive attitude to the management of change within and across its communities.
- 8.23 The Area Action Plan (AAP) will set out integrated policies for the future regeneration and development of four "framework" areas, previously identified in "The Future of Berwick: A Vision and Development Framework" master planning document, and take forward into the Development Plan the spatial development framework and the Berwick-upon-Tweed Regeneration Strategy prepared by Urban Initiatives.
- 8.24 The Berwick-upon-Tweed Regeneration Strategy is a high level strategy; the AAP will set out the spatial planning framework for the consolidation of the town's role as a rural service centre, identified in the Regional Spatial Strategy and give detailed policy guidance on the management of change across a number of strategic regeneration sites. It will also identify a portfolio of delivery mechanisms for each site and set out policies to address issues concerning traffic and transport, and the protection and enhancement of the area's cultural and heritage assets in the natural and built environments. Land assembly and CPO may be key factors in delivering the strategy.
- 8.25 The AAP will identify quantums of development that will assist in bringing PDL into use, providing lifetime affordable homes and meeting targets on design quality, BREEAM, reducing Carbon emissions, resource efficiencies and green travel plans.
- 8.26 Early preparation of the AAP is a priority for the partnership, with development plan weight being sought to deliver the physical components of the regeneration strategy in accordance with its objectives, rather than pressure from the market. The plan will incorporate short, medium and long term priorities. It will be primarily concerned with shaping the spatial relationship between the historic town centre of Berwick-upon-Tweed and Tweedmouth and Spittal and creating a network of new places and spaces, linked by patterns of movement appropriate to an historic town.
- 8.27 The Regional Development Agency has identified funding-to underpin the delivery of the regeneration strategy and resources to assist in the early stages of plan making.

Key milestones for the preparation of the Berwick Eastern Arc Area Action Plan

Consult on scope of Sustainability Appraisal	September 2009
Public participation in preparation AAP (Reg 25)	September 2009- July 2010
Publication of AAP: (Reg 27)	December 2010
Submission of AAP: (Reg 30)	April 2011
Independent Examination: (Reg 34)	September 2011
Adoption (Reg 36)	February 2012

Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document

- 8.28 Residents of both rural and urban Northumberland experience problems accessing housing due to an increasing mis-match between house prices and relatively low incomes. High levels of second home ownership exacerbate the issue in rural areas. The production of an affordable housing SPD is, therefore, considered to be a key priority for the new authority.
- 8.29 The SPD will set out in detail how the Council intend to secure affordable housing through the planning system. It will set out detailed guidance on the interpretation and implementation of the affordable housing policy in the Core Strategy. It will include:
 - Definition and benchmarking of affordable housing
 - Key principles of affordable housing relating to need, occupancy, location, design, affordability and perpetuity
 - A framework for affordable housing delivery
 - Explanation of targets; thresholds and how these will be applied.
 - Explanation of rural exceptions policy
 - Local occupancy and cascading approach
 - Explanation of how any commuted sums would be used.
 - Phasing
 - Use of conditions and 106 obligations
 - Explanation of Economic Viability tests
 - Monitoring

Key milestones for the preparation of the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document

Drafting and Publication	February-Nov 2011
Considering responses	December 2011-
	February 2012
Adoption	April 2012

Alnwick Landscape Character Supplementary Planning Document

- 8.30 This SPD applies to the current district of Alnwick excluding the area within the Northumberland National Park. It is in support of Core Strategy Policy S13 which introduces the concept of the 'Character Approach' to landscape appraisal. The SPD will set out how landscape character should be applied when considering the management of change within the landscape. It will;
 - Describe how the landscape has evolved
 - Identify current forces of change and key issues with regard to landscape management
 - Identify the distinctive character of key settlements in their landscape context
 - Identify area of high vulnerability to new development and other forms of land use change
 - Make recommendations for the conservation and enhancement of landscape character in line with the principles of sustainable development.

Key milestones for the preparation of the Alnwick Landscape Character Supplementary Planning Document

Drafting and Publication	May 2008 - Nov 2008		
Considering responses	Dec 2008-September		
	2009		
Redrafting and publication	November 2009		
Considering responses	November 2009-		
	January 2010		
Adoption	April 2010		

Alnwick Planning for Renewables Supplementary Planning Document

- 8.31 This SPD applies to the current district of Alnwick excluding the area within the Northumberland National Park. It is in support of Core Strategy Policy S21 which sets out how proposals for the generation of all types of renewable energy will be supported and considered. The SPD will address the following key issues:
 - Generic advice for commercial renewable energy schemes
 - Specific guidance relating to onshore wind and landscape character
 - Checklist for developers of renewable schemes

Key milestones for the preparation of the Alnwick Planning for Renewables Supplementary Planning Document

Drafting and Publication	February 2009
Considering responses	March-September
	2009
Adoption	November 2009

Blyth Central Conservation Area Management Strategy Supplementary Planning Document

8.32 This provides advice and guidance to the Council, developers and landowners of how the process of improvement and change will be managed within the Blyth Central Conservation Area. The SPD will be in conformity with the Blyth Valley Core Strategy.

Key milestones for the preparation of the Blyth Central Conservation area Management Strategy Supplementary Planning Document are set out below;

Drafting and Publication	October 2010
Considering responses	November 2010-
	January 2011
Adoption	April 2011

Bedlington Conservation Area Management Strategy (Wansbeck) Supplementary Planning Document

8.33 Provides advice and guidance to the Council, developers and landowners of how the process of improvement and change will be managed within the Bedlington Conservation Area. The SPD will be in conformity with the Wansbeck Local Plan.

Key milestones for the preparation of the Wansbeck Bedlington Conservation Area management Plan Supplementary Planning Document

Drafting and Publication	October 2009
Considering responses	October-
	November 2009
Adoption	February 2010

Ashington Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document

8.34 Provides a planning framework for the regeneration and redevelopment of Ashington Town Centre. The SPD will be in conformity with the Wansbeck Local Plan and the emerging Core Strategy.

Drafting and Publication	November 2009
Considering responses	December 2009-
	Jan 2010
Adoption	April 2010

9. Evidence, Resource & Management

9 Evidence Base, Resource Allocation and Programme Management.

Evidence Base

9.1 A key feature of the LDF is that its plans and programme are based on reliable and up-to-date relevant information; this is called the 'evidence base'. A number of specialist studies and research projects have been or are being undertaken, or will be commissioned to inform the LDF. Consultants will be used for this work, if specialist skills are required, or the capacity needed to undertake the research is not available in-house. The evidence base will inform the monitoring and review process. A number of key studies are identified in the table below:

Study	Purpose	Timescale
Strategic Flood Risk Assessment	Assess the risk of potential development sites for flooding	Completion March 2010
Water Cycle Study	Assess water services infrastructure provision	Completion March 2010
Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment	Assess the availability and deliverability of sites throughout Northumberland for residential development	Complete March 2010
Strategic Housing Market Assessment	Assess the demand and need for market and affordable housing in the sub-region and associated housing market areas. Will include demographic projections.	Completion November 2009
Landscape Character Appraisal and Environmental Constraints Study	Assess the landscape character based on an understanding of the natural, historic and aesthetic factors that in combination create local distinctiveness and its capacity to accommodate development.	Completion March 2010
	The Environmental Constraints Study will assess the capacity of the local environment to accommodate potential minerals and waste proposals, renewable energy proposals and other new development. It will identify areas which are most/least sensitive to development proposals and will inform potential areas of constraint or potential allocations.	

Economic Assessment	The assessment provides an improved economic evidence base (including for the LDF Core Strategy) enhancing local authority capability and capacity on economic development and ensuring more effective prioritisation of economic development and regeneration interventions. It will also help the Council to more effectively contribute to development of the new Integrated Regional Strategy	Complete
Employment Land Review	Assess the demand and supply of employment land across Northumberland. An Employment Land Review was produced on behalf of Northumberland County and the Districts in 2008. This will require updating and additional detail at the local level.	Completion March 2010
Town Centre and Retail Study	Assess retail catchments, retail impact and potential expenditure across Northumberland including town centre health checks.	November 2009
Green Infrastructure Study and PPG17 Assessment	Audit existing areas and develop locally based standards and strategies for open space, sport and recreation.	March 2010
Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment	Continual appraisal of the economic, social and environmental sustainability of Local Development Documents.	On-going in line with DPD timetable
Appropriate Assessment	Assessment of the potential impact of DPD policies and proposals upon European Marine Sites/	Ongoing through LDF work
Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment	Assess the need for sites and accommodation throughout Northumberland.	Complete
Renewable Energy and low carbon energy	Assess capacity for wind energy; biomass and other renewable energy sources within Northumberland.	March 2010

generation/climate change		
Strategic Infrastructure Study:	The Study will assess the infrastructure requirements of the LDF and ensure that the policies and proposals are deliverable. It will include the identification of infrastructure needs and costs; phasing of development; funding sources and responsibilities for delivery.	Completion March 2010
Minerals	Review and update the aggregates technical paper prepared for the 3 withdrawn minerals and waste DPDs and prepare new technical papers on mineral safeguarding and other minerals.	December 2009
Waste	Review and update the waste technical paper prepared for the 3 withdrawn minerals and waste DPDs.	December 2009

- 9.2 The Castle Morpeth Core Strategy was developed to submission draft stage. Due to Local Government Reorganisation, it was decided not to proceed with the Core Strategy. The Core Strategy Submission Draft will now form part of the evidence base for the new Northumberland Core Strategy.
- 9.3 The Berwick Core Strategy was developed to the Preferred Options stage and will also form part of the evidence base for the new Core Strategy.

Resources

- 9.4 The Planning Strategy Service comprises 3 planning policy teams and the Northumberland Conservation team. The preparation of the LDF is the main priority of the service. The coordination of the LDF and the preparation of most DPDs and SPDs will be the responsibility of the LDF team, some DPDs and SPDs and the AMR will be prepared by the Monitoring and Delivery team, whilst the Sustainability Appraisal and Appropriate Assessment will be the responsibility of the Strategic Planning and Conservation teams. External consultants will be commissioned where the need for specialist services or additional capacity are identified. Specialist staff from other functions of the new authority will also contribute to the LDF such as the regeneration, transport and housing services.
- 9.5 The cost of preparing the LDF including collation of the evidence base, the SA/AA, Examinations and administrative costs within the first 3 years

for the new council are estimated at circa £1 million, excluding in-house staffing costs. It has been agreed that this will be funded by the new Council mainly as non recurring revenue expenditure. If future Housing and Planning Delivery Grant is awarded by the Government this may be used to contribute to these costs. Opportunities will be taken to secure external funding as has been the case with the Berwick Town Easter Arc AAP and the Ashington Town Centre SPD.

Programme Management

- 9.6 Arrangements for production for all DPDs will be the service responsibility of the Head of Planning Strategy and the function teams and in particular the LDF team.
- 9.7 An advisory LDF member-working group will assist the LDF process; the Executive will be responsible for authorising preparatory stages of the DPD process and full Council will be responsible for decision making stages of DPD production such as adoption.
- 9.8 In terms of timescales and resources, the LDF will be project managed through Microsoft Project software. LDF consultation will be managed via Limehouse web based consultation software.

10. Monitoring and Review

10 Monitoring and Review

- 10.1 Planning is a continuous and evolving process, with monitoring and review key components of this. An annual monitoring report will be prepared each year covering the previous period of 1 April 31 March. The AMR will inform the review of the LDS indicating whether the key milestones and targets are being met and that the policies and proposals contained in the Local Development Documents are effective in achieving the overall strategy and vision for the area. In assessing policy performance the AMR will identify any necessary amendments to policies and DPDs informing future work programmes and the revision of the LDS.
- 10.2 The AMR for 2007-08 was produced as a single AMR for Northumberland. However, as the information reported upon was data for the previous year there were only limited core output indicators that were representative of Northumberland as a whole. The remaining information was displayed in a district format with a final section indicating the necessary amendments to align the AMR for 2008-09.

11. Risk Assessment

11 Risk Assessment

- 11.1 An analysis of the risks associated with the LDF programme has been undertaken. The full risk assessment is available as a background document to this LDS.
- 11.2 It has been identified that in most instances there is a potential risk to the delivery of the LDS. The following impacts are identified as applicable to all of the issues detailed throughout the risk assessment
 - Failure to meet the identified milestones, need to review LDS
 - Delays to the adoption of documents,
 - Failure to secure Housing and Planning Delivery Grant (HPDG), and
 - Adverse effects on staff moral and the reputation of the council.
- 11.3 The proposed actions, identified in the table below, seek to address these impacts as well as the specific impacts included in the table.

Impact

Proposed action

Staffing Issues: Staff recruitment, retention and vacant posts; Lack of suitably trained staff; Reduced capacity (long term absence) (un-programmed work).

- Reduction in quality and quantity of evidence base
- Increased risked to soundness of documents, or High Court Challenge
- Increased workload for existing staff
- Apply council HR policies including appraisal, recruitment and sickness management
- Provide staff training and development
- Second appropriately experienced staff
- Use consultants and agency staff
- Commission specialised studies
- LDF recognised and prioritised as a Corporate Policy

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Impact	Proposed action

Financial Resources: Budget insufficient for planned expenditure.

- Reduction in quality and quantity of evidence base
- Reduced ability to commission specialist studies
- Increased risked to soundness of documents, or High Court Challenge
- LDF recognised and prioritised as a Corporate Policy
- Expand partnership working to draw upon skills and resources within other organisations
- Prioritise work to match criteria for HDPG
- Monitor closely expenditure on commissioned studies and other work

Corporate Issues: Change in council priorities; amendments to decision making process

- Additional work to evidence base and redrafting of documents
- Increased workload and costs for unprogrammed work
- Increased number of representations to consultation documents
- Increased risked to soundness of documents, or High Court Challenge
- Credibility of plan making process

- LDF recognised and prioritised as a Corporate Policy
- Cross party member LDF working Group established
- Commission specialised studies
- Ensure that Sustainable Community Strategy and Spatial Strategy and policy are aligned

External Influences: Failure of partners to deliver to agreed programme; changes in national or regional policy

- Additional work to evidence base and redrafting of documents
- Increased time without policy coverage
- Increased risked to soundness of documents, or High Court Challenge
- Close liaison with partners in preparation of LDS and work programme
- Engage partners commitment to deliver through joint working and linkages with other strategies, programmes and projects
- Maintain liaison with Government Office and Planning inspectorate
- Review LDS if necessary

Utilise critical friend process throughout LDD preparation.

Appendix A1: Schedule of Saved Policies until superseded by new policies

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY AND NATIONAL PARK JOINT STRUCTURE		
PLAN FIRST ALTERATION (ADOPTED 2 ND FEBRUARY 2005)		
Policies Saved Beyond Adoption of RSS (July 2008)		
Policy	Description	
Number		
S5	Extension to the Northumberland Green Belt	

NORTHUMBERLAND WASTE LOCAL PLAN (ADOPTED DECEMBER 2001) Policies Saved Beyond 27 th September 2007		
Policy	Description	
Number	·	
S3	Protecting Communities and the Environment	
EP2	Protecting Local Communities	
EP4	Landscape Protection	
EP13	Protecting Hadrian's Wall	
EP19	Protecting Tourism and Recreation Interests	
EP20	Protecting and Maintaining Employment	
EP21	Encouraging alternatives to road transport and mitigating impacts	
EP23	Ensuring acceptable site operations	
EP24	Securing Community Benefits	
RE1	Mini Recycling Centres	
RE2	Civic Amenity Sites	
RE3	Material Recycling Facilities	
RE4	Recycling Industrial and Commercial Waste	
RE5	Recycling Construction and Demolition Waste	
RE6	Composting	
RE7	Energy from Waste	
RE8	Energy from Waste	
DP1	Strategic Landfill Sites	
DP2	Other Biodegradable Landfill	
DP3	Inactive Landfill Sites	
DP4	Landfill Gas	
DP5	Transfer Stations	
DP6	Incineration	
SE1	Sewage and Water Treatment Facilities	
SE2	Minor Treatment Facilities	
OW1	Scrapyards	
OW2	Power Station Ash	
OW3	Special Waste	
OW4	Anaerobic Digestion	
R1	Site Reclamation	
SM1	Ensuring Good Site Management	

NORTHUMBERLAND MINERALS LOCAL PLAN (ADOPTED MARCH 2000) Policies saved beyond 27 th September 2007		
Policy Number	Description	
S1	Minerals Supply and Efficiency of Use	
S3	Minimising the sterilisation of mineral resources	
S4	Minimising the sterilisation of mineral resources	
S5	Encouraging the reuse of resources	
S6	Good working practices	
EP3	Landscape Protection	
EP8	Protecting Hadrian's Wall	

EP14	Protecting and Maintaining Employment	
EP15	Protecting Tourism and Recreation Interests	
EP16	Protecting Public Rights of Way	
EP17	Encouraging alternatives to road transport and mitigating impacts	
EP18	Encouraging alternatives to road transport and mitigating impacts	
EP19	Protection of Local Communities	
EP20	Minimising cumulative impact	
EP22	Ensuring acceptable site operations	
EP23	Securing Community Benefits	
C2	Preferred Areas for Coal Extraction	
C3	Constraint Areas	
C4	Constraint Areas	
C6	Comprehensive Working	
C8	Ellington Colliery	
C9	Drift Mines	
C10	Colliery Spoil Disposal	
A3	Controlling Release of Reserves	
A4	Sand and Gravel - Preferred Areas	
A5	Sand and Gravel - Other Areas	
A6	Crushed Rock - Preferred Areas	
A7	Crushed Rock - Other Areas	
A8	Borrow Pits	
SA1	Future workings	
SA2	Mineral Waste	
CY1	Future Provision of Clay	
OG1	Future Provision of Oil and Gas	
SM1	Ensuring Good Site Management	
R1	Site Reclamation	
MD4	Reworking of mineral waste	

ALNWICK DISTRICT WIDE LOCAL PLAN (ADOPTED APRIL 1997) Policies saved beyond 27th September 07 and not superseded by the adoption of the Core Strategy, October 2007

Policy	Description	
•	Description	
Number		
RE6	Protection of Sites of Nature Conservation Importance	
RE7	Protection of Local Nature Reserves	
RE16	Protection of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	
RE20	Rural diversification proposals	
RE21	Control of new agricultural buildings	
BE2	Regional and local archaeological significance	
BE8	Design in new residential developments and extensions (+related appendices)	
BE10	Shop-front design	
BE11	Design principles for development in town centres	
BE12	Protection of landscaped areas	
BE13	Display of advertising (+ related appendix)	
H13	Removal of restrictive occupancy conditions	
H19	Control over tandem and backland development	
H20	Development of residential care homes	
TT1	Controlling the redevelopment of public transport facilities	
TT2	Protection of route of A1 dualling from development	
TT5	Controlling car parking provision	
TT12	Development of small public car parks to avoid parking congestion in villages	
TT13	Providing for lorry parking	
TT15	Provision for development of harbour facilities at Warkworth Harbour	

ED8	Commercial Use of upper floors in town centres	
T4	Criteria based policy to assess static and touring caravan developments	
T5	Criteria based policy to assess chalet developments	
T6	Planning for new visitor attractions	
CD3	Protecting retail floor space in the primary shopping area	
CD4	Farm shops	
CD5	Garden centres	
CD18	Children's play space	
CD32	Controlling development that is detrimental to the environment and residential amenity	
CD35	Planning for renewals	
CD37	Development by water and sewerage statutory undertakers	

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN (ADOPTED APRIL 1999) Policies		
Saved Beyond 27 th September 2007		
Policy	Description	
Number		
F1	Environmental Wealth	
F2	Coastal Zone	
F3	Tweed Valley, Kyloe Hills, Glendale	
F4	Intermediate Areas of Landscape Value	
F5	Berwick-upon-Tweed	
F6	Special Protection Areas, Special Areas of Conservation and Ramsar Sites	
F7	National Nature Reserves and Sites of Scientific Interest	
F8	Nature Conservation	
F9	Wildlife	
F10	Protected Species	
F11	Tree Preservation Orders	
F12	Trees and Woodlands	
F13	Trees, Hedgerows and Woodlands	
F14	Land Reclamation	
F30	Planning Obligation	
F31	Social and Economic Welfare	
S2	Five Year Housing Land Supply	
S5	Conversion of buildings in the Countryside	
S6	Affordable Housing	
S7	Gypsy Site	
S30	Castle Terrace	
W2	New Agricultural and Forestry Buildings	
W3	Change of Use (Employment)	
W4	Use Class Permissions	
W5	New Build Work Space	
W6	Bad Neighbour Uses	
W9	Hotels	
W10	Fishing Industry	
W11	Harbour Facilities	
W12	Seahouses Industrial Estate	
W13	Hotels and Guest Houses in the Coastal Zone	
W14	Berwick	
W16	Development of Land within the Tweed Valley	
W18	Development of Land within the Kyloe Hills and Glendale	

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN (ADOPTED APRIL 1999) Policies Saved Beyond 27 th September 2007	
Policy	Description

Number		
W20	Development at Wooler Industrial Estate	
W20 W22	Mixed-Use Development Land at South Road Wooler	
W25	Belford Industrial Estate	
W27	Haggerston Castle Holiday Park	
W30	Development of Land North West of Ord Road	
W31	Environmental Improvements at Tweeside and East Ord Industrial Estate	
W33	Spittal Point	
W34	Development at Berwick Quayside and Dewars Lane	
W35	Hotels and Guest Houses in Berwick-upon-Tweed	
R1	National Playing Field Association's 6 Acre Standard	
R2	Recreational Facilities	
R3	Outdoor Recreational Facilities	
R9	Camping and Caravanning	
R10	Football Pitches at Seahouses	
R12	Holiday Accommodation Coastal Zone	
R14	River Tweed Recreational Facilities	
R20	Multi Purpose Games Area, Berwick Upon Tweed	
R23	Holiday Accommodation, Berwick Upon Tweed	
M2	Proposed Dual Carriageway	
M3	A1 Truck Road improvements	
M7	Rail Service Improvements	
M9	Pedal Cyclists	
M10	Cycle Parking Facilities	
M14	Car Parking Standards	
M16	Traffic Calming	
M18	Road Improvements- Seahouses	
M19	Road Improvements- Seahouses	
M20	Road and Footpath Improvements- Seahouses	
M21	Bypass- Cornhill on Tweed	
M22	Bypass- Wooler	
M23	Road Improvements- Belford	
M24	Environmental Enhancements- Wooler	
M25	Footpath Improvements- Wooler	
M26	Road Improvements- Wooler	
M28	Petrol Filling Stations, Kyloe Hills and Glendale	
M44	Rest Stop Facilities, Tweedside Industrial Estate, Tweedmouth	
M45	Improved Harbour facilities, Tweed Dock and Spittal Quay	
C1	Berwick Infirmary	
C2	Health Care Facilities	
C3	School Improvements	
C4	Shopping Floorspace	
C5	Farm Shops	
C6	Shopping Floorspace in the countryside	
C7	Change of Use of Village Shops	
C8	Shopfronts	
C9	Advertisement Displays	
C10	Overhead Electricity Lines	
C11	Development affecting Wind Farms	
C12	Renewable Energy Schemes	
C13	Water	
	PON-TWEED BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN (ADOPTED APRIL 1999) Policies	
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C14	Telecommunications Development	
C17	Community Facilities	
C18	Shopping Floorspace within the Coastal Zone	
C19	Amusement Centres within the Coastal Zone	
C20	Renewable Energy Projects within the Coastal Zone	
C21	Telecommunications within the Coastal Zone	
C22	Coastal Defence Schemes	
C23	Wind Farms within the Tweed Valley	
C24	Renewable Energy Projects within the Tweed	
C25	Shopping Floorspace within the Kylow Hills and Glendale Area	
C26	Wind Farms within the Kyloe Hills and Glendale Area	
C27	Renewable Energy Projects within the Kyloe Hills and Glendale Area	
C28	Wind Farms within the Intermediate Areas	
C29	Renewable Energy Projects within the Intermediate Areas	
C31	Marygate Shopping Area	
C32	Development of Upper Floor Spaces, Berwick-upon-Tweed	
C33	Development of Land at Eastern Lane, Berwick-upon-Tweed	
C35	Shopping Floorspace within Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Centre	
C36	Renewable Energy Projects within Berwick-upon-Tweed	

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E3	Landscape: General Approach	
E5	The Protection of the Tree and Shrub Cover	
E18	Visual Aspects of Open Spaces in the Built Environment	
E20	Shop Fronts	
E21	Percent for Art	
G7	Greenbelt- Definition	
G9	Development in the countryside beyond the greenbelt	
G10	Development criteria in the countryside generally	
H4	Infill Sites	
H6	The Release of Housing Land at Cramlington	
H7	Allocation of land for housing, Cramlington	
H9	Release of housing land at Blyth	
H10	Allocation of Land for housing, Blyth	
H12	The Release of Housing Land- Rest of the District	
H13	Allocation of Land for Housing, Rest of District	
H15	Affordable Housing: Controlling Occupancy	
H16	Residential Care Homes	
H17	Adaptation and other specialised needs	
H19	Accommodation for Gypsies	
H20	Housing in combination with other uses etc.	
H21	Design and Layout Principles for New Housing Areas	
H25	Housing in the countryside beyond the greenbelt	
H26	Demolition and replacement of dwellings in the countryside	
C10	Educational Facilities	
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C11	Changes from Educational Use
C14	Shopping: Main Centres
C15	Shopping: Edge of Town Centre Proposals
C16	Shopping: Out of Town Centre Proposals
C22	Food and Drink Establishments
W1	General and Local Employment and Business Park Use
W2	Individual Users
W3	Port of Blyth: Continued Activity
W4	Port of Blyth: Port Development Area
W6	Offices: Class A2 Uses
WP1	The Blyth Industrial Estates
WP3	Bedside: Land South of Mansell Terrace
WP5	South Cramlington
WP6	East Cramlington Work Activity Area
WP7	Complex at Avenue Road, Seaton Delavel
WP8	Double Row
WP9	Seghill Work Activity Area
M7	Heavy Goods Vehicles
M8	Car Parking
M9	Road Construction within Built Up Areas
M10	Road Construction Outside Settlement Limits
CC1	Central Shopping Area
CC2	Northern Expansion Site
CC3	Access on foot, bicycle etc
CC4	Access to Railway Station Site
CC5	Bus related facilities
CC6	Environment of Station Road
B1	Retail Frontage Control Policy
B2	The Market Square
B3	Secondary Commercial Area
B4	Living over the shop
BP1	Development site adjacent to inner relief road
BP2	Expansion of Town Centre Uses
BP3	Traffic Circulation and Management
BP4	Car Parking Provision
BP5	Public Transport
NE1	General Housing Sites
NE2	Special Design Housing Sites
NE3	Affordable Housing Sites
NE4	Brockwell Centre- Remaining Plots
NE5	Footpath/Cycleways
NE6	Public Open Space/ Playing Space
NE7	Landscape Structure
SW1	Energy Efficient Housing
SW2	Housing Development
SW3	Work Activity Area- Fisher Lane
SW4	Central Community Facilities
SW5	Landscape Structure
SW6	Playing Space
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SW7	The Road Network
SW8	Footpath and Cycleway system
WB1	West Blyth- Chase Farm: Housing
WB3	Chase Farm: Access
WB4	Chase Farm: Landscape Structure
WB5	Chase Farm: Distributor Road Environment
WB6	Chase Farm: Central Playing Space for Sport
WB7	Chase Farm: Children's Equipped Playing Space
WB8	Chase Farm: Additional Housing Area
WB9	Chase Farm: Additional Playing Space
WB10	Chase Farm: All weather, floodlit pitch
WB11	Chase Farm: Indoor Sports provision
SB1	Development of General Housing Land
SB4	District Centre, School etc
SB5	Central Parkland
SB6	Children's Equipped Playing Space
SN1	South West Newsham Development Principles
SN2	Opportunity Development Site
SD1	Wheatridge Park
SD2	Avenue Head Local Service Area
SD3	Avenue Head Environment/Parking Improvements
BQ1	Ballast Hill/Quayside Areas
BQ2	Sussex Street/Ridley Street/Bridge Street Area
BQ3	Intermediate Area
BQ4	Environmental Upgrading of Quayside
BQ5	The Dun Cow Quay
CM1	Former Builders Yard
CM2	Crofton Mill Mixed Use Housing Proposal
CM3	Rosemary Terrace Area
CM4	First School
CM5	Crofton Moor
BL1	Proposals for Blyth Links
BL2	Environment Upgrading of Links Area
BL3	Area to the Rear of Links
BL4	Area of Caravan Site
BL5	Former South Timber Yard (Part)
BL7	Footpath/cycleway: Rotary Way to Links Road
Appendix 25	Retail Frontage Policy Applied to Principal Shopping Area of Blyth Town Centre

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Number		
RE2	Renewable Energy	
RE3	Wind Power- Areas of Search	
RE4	Water Quality	
RE5	Surface Water Run-Off and Flood Defences	
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Policies saved beyond 27 th September 2007		
Policy	Description	
Number		
RE6	Service Infrastructure	
RE7	Development Affecting Sites Authorised Under Part I of the Environment	

	Protection Act
RE8	Contaminated Land
RE9	Ground Stability
C1	Settlement Boundaries
C2	Environmental Education
C3	Areas of High Landscape Value
C4	Landscape Corridors
C9	Sites of Nature Conservation Importance, Local Nature Reserves and
03	Regionally Important Geological or Geomorphological Sites
C10	Sites of Local Conservation Interest
C11	Protected Species
C12	Wildlife Corridors
C13	Wildlife Corridors
C15	Trees in Countryside and Urban Areas
C16	The Green Belt
C17	The Green Belt
C19	Infill at Major Developed Sites
C20	Encroachment of Residential Gardens into Green Belt and Open Countryside
C21	Protected Open Space
C22	Extension of Gardens into Open Space within Settlements
C25	Farm Buildings
C26	Conservation Areas
C28	Demolition of Buildings in Conservation Areas
C29	Design Considerations within Conservation Areas
C30	Highway design and parking standards in conservation areas
C31	Advertisements within Conservation Areas
C32	Street Furniture
C33	Free-Standing Advertisements within Conservation Areas
C34	Building Security
C35	Advance Warning Signs
C36	Security and Design
C37	Canopies and Awnings
C43	Hadrian's Wall
C45	Network Communications
H1	Housing Land Supply
H2	Phasing
H6	Special Executive Housing
H7	Tranwell Woods
H8	Affordable Housing
H9	Affordable Housing in Rural Areas
H11	Tandem and Backland Development
H14	Improvements to Existing Housing
H15	New Housing Developments
H16	Housing in the Countryside
H17	Removal of Agricultural Occupancy Conditions
H19	Conversion of Buildings in Rural Areas for Residential Use
H20	Conversion of Buildings in Rural Areas for Residential Use
H21	Conversion of non domestic outbuilding to extend exiting dwelling
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Policy	Description
Number	
H22	Guidance for Alteration and Extension of Dwellings in the Open Countryside
H23	New dwellings on sites of uninhabited, ruinous or impermanent dwellings
H24	Demolition and Rebuilding
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E1	Land Supply
E2	Newcastle International Airport
E3	Office Development
E4	Exceptional Proposals for Employment Development
E6	Conversion of Buildings for Employment Use
E7	The Business Environment
E8	Industrial estates – design
E10	Self Catering Accommodation – principle
E11	Self Catering Accommodation – design
E12	Caravans and Camping Sites
S1	Land Supply
S2	Out-of-town Retail Developments
S3	Bulky Goods retailing
S4	Factory Shops- Retailing from Manufacturing Premises
S5	Village Shops
S6	Farm Shops
S12	Protection of Services
T1	Major Road Improvements
T2	Minor Road Improvements
T3	Traffic Management
T4	Haulage Routes
T5	Public Transport Services
T6	Provision for Cyclists- cycle routes
R2	Playing Fields and Dual Use of Educational Facilities and Youth Facilities
R3	Village Halls, Community and Indoor Facilities
R4	Children's Play
R6	Countryside Activities – High Impact
R8	Public Footpaths and Bridleways
R10	Local Nature Reserves, Woodlands, Wildlife Habitats and Public Access
R13	Culture and the Arts
BEC1	Settlement Boundary
BEC2	Areas of High Landscape Value
BEC3	Sits of Nature Conservation Importance
BEC4	Conservation Area
BET1	Transport
BRC1	Settlement Boundary
BRC2	Protected Open Space
CBC1	Settlement Boundary
CBC2	Conservation Area
CPC1	Settlement Boundary
CPC2	Areas of High Landscape Value
CPC3	Sites of Nature Conservation Importance
CPC4	Conservation Area
CLC1	Settlement Boundary
CLC2	Areas of High Landscape Value
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CLC3 CLC4 CLC5 CLC6 CLC7	Sites of Nature Conservation Importance and Wildlife Corridors

CLC8	Protected Open Space	
CLC9	Proposed Conservation Area	
ELC1	Settlement Boundary	
ELC2	Landscape Corridors	
ELC3	- Landodape Cernacio	
ELC4	Sites of Nature Conservation Importance and Wildlife Corridors	
ELC5	Shoot of Materia Golffeet values and Villamo Golffeet	
ELC6	Protected Open Space	
ELE1	Employment	
HDC1	Settlement Boundary	
HDC2	Areas of High Landscape Value	
HDC3	Sites of Local Conservation Interest	
HDC4	Protected Open Space	
HDE1	Employment	
HTC1	Settlement Boundary	
HTC2	Areas of Landscape Value	
HTC3	Sites of Nature Conservation Importance and Wildlife Corridors	
HTC4		
HBC1	Settlement Boundary	
HWC1	Settlement Boundary	
HWC2	Areas of High Landscape Value	
HWC3	Other Sites of Conservation Value	
HWC4	Protected Open Space	
HWC5	Proposed Conservation Area	
HPC1	Settlement Boundary	
HPC2	Wildlife Corridors	
HPC3	Protected Open Space	
INC1	Settlement Boundary	
INC2	Protected Open Space	
KHC1	Settlement Boundary Other Sites of Nature Conservation Value	
KHC2		
KHC3 KHC4	Protected Open Space	
	Proposed Conservation Area	
LIE1 LIE2	Settlement Boundary	
LTC1	Employment Settlement Boundary	
LTC2	Areas of High Landscape Value	
LTC3	Conservation Area	
LHC1	Settlement Boundary	
LHC2	Landscape Corridors	
LHC3	Protected Open Space	
LHC4	Conservation Area	
LHE1	Craft Workshops	
LYC1	Settlement Boundary	
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Policies save Policy Number LYC2 LYC3 LYC4 LYC5	Description Landscape Corridors Sites of Nature Conservation Importance and Wildlife Corridors Protected Open Space	
Policies save Policy Number LYC2 LYC3 LYC4 LYC5 MTC1	Description Landscape Corridors Sites of Nature Conservation Importance and Wildlife Corridors Protected Open Space Settlement Boundary	
Policies save Policy Number LYC2 LYC3 LYC4 LYC5	Description Landscape Corridors Sites of Nature Conservation Importance and Wildlife Corridors Protected Open Space	

MTC4	Conservation Area
MBC1	Settlement Boundary
MBH1	Settlement boundary
MBH2	Infill Development
MDC1	Settlement Boundary
MDC2	Areas of High Landscape Value
MDC3	Sites of Nature Conservation Importance and Wildlife Corridors
MDC4	Sites of Nature Conservation importance and whome Condons
MDC5	Drenged Conservation Avec
MC1	Proposed Conservation Area Settlement Boundary
MC2	Areas of High Landscape Value
MC3	
MC4	Landscape Corridors
MC5	Sites of Nature Conservation Importance
MC6	Wildlife Corridors
MC7	
MC8	Protected Open Space Conservation Area
MC9	Morpeth Town Scheme
ME1	Employment: Land Supply
ME2	Office Development
ME3	Exceptional Proposals for Employment Development
MH1	Housing: Land Supply
MS1	Future Shopping Provision
MS2	Extent and Character of the Town Centre Shopping Centre and Primary
MS3	Shopping Areas
MS4	Manchester Street and Dacre Street
MMD1	Mixed Development Site, Low Stanners
MT1	A1/South East Northumberland Link Road
MT2	Minor Road Improvements
MT3	Traffic Management
MT4	Car parking
MPS1	Sewage Disposal
MR1	Informal Country Park
MR2	Formal Recreation Space
MR3	Youth Groups
MR4	Allotments
MR5	Public Footpaths and Bridleways
MR6	Riverside Walks
MR7	Picnic Sites
NWC1	Settlement Boundary
NWC2	Areas of High Landscape Value
NWC3	Sites of Nature Conservation Importance and Wildlife Corridors
NWC4	
	RPETH DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN (ADOPTED JANUARY 2003)
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Policy	Description
Number	
NWC5	Conservation Area
OGC1	Settlement Boundary
PGC1	Settlement Boundary
PGT2	Front Street Car Park
PC1	Settlement Boundary
PC2	Areas of High Landscape Value
L D O O	Landscape Corridors
PC3 PC4	Wildlife Corridors

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PC6	Protected Open Space- Darras Hall SSSI
PC7	Protected Open Space- Darras Hall First School
PC8	Protected Open Space- The Glebe
PC9	Conservation Areas
PH1	Housing: Land Supply
PH2	Housing Development in Darras Hall
PH3	Runneymede Road Area
PE1	Employment
PS1	Shopping- Commercial and Business centre- changes of use
PS2	Shopping- commercial and business centre- development for certain uses
DOO	outside centre
PS3	Shopping- enhancement of village centre
PT1	A696 Ponteland Bypass
PT2	Extension to B6323 Callerton Link Road
PT3	Minor Road Improvement
PT4	Car Parking
PR1	Playing Fields
PR2	Public Footpaths and Bridleways
SGC1	Settlement Boundary
SGC2	Areas of High Landscape Value
SGE1	Employment
SMC1	Settlement Boundary
SMC2	Areas of High Landscape Value
SMC3	Wildlife Value
SMC4	Protected Open Space
SMC5	Conservation Area
SNC1	Settlement Boundary
SNC2	Landscape Corridors
SNC3	Protected Open Space
SNC4	Proposed Conservation Area
UGC1	Settlement Boundary
UGC2	Wildlife Corridors
WTC1	Settlement Boundary
WTC2	Areas of High Landscape Value
WTC3	Sites of Special Scientific Interest and Wildlife Corridors
WTC4	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
WTC5	Conservation Area
WHC1	Settlement Boundary
WHC2	Conservation Area
WDC1	Settlement Boundary
WSC1	Settlement Boundary
WSC2	Other Sites of Conservation Area
12	Planning Obligations
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Number	
GD2	Design Criteria for development, including extensions and alterations
GD2	Provision of suitable access to buildings for people with impaired
GDS	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
CD4	mobility Denote of transport provision for all development
GD4	Range of transport provision for all development
GD5	Improved access to public transport for people with impaired mobility
GD6	Car parking standards outside the built-up areas of Hexham,
	Haltwhistle, Prudhoe and Corbridge

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GD7	Car parking standards within the built up areas of Hexham, Haltwhistle,
	Prudhoe and Corbridge
GD9	Car parking standards for people with impaired mobility
NE7	New buildings in the Green Belt
NE8	New dwellings in the Green Belt
NE9	Existing chalets, caravans and shacks in the Green Belt
NE10	Prudhoe Hospital
NE11	Hexham Racecourse
NE12	Slaley Hall
NE13	Other employment sites in the Green Belt
NE14	Use of existing buildings in the Green Belt
NE15	Development in the North Pennines AONB
NE17	Development in the setting of Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site
NE18	Protection of Agricultural land
NE19	Protection of Internationally Important Nature Conservation Sites
NE20	Protection of Sites of Special Scientific Interest
NE21	Protection of Sites of Nature Conservation Importance
NE22	Protection of Nature Reserves
NE24	Protection of Regionally Important Geological/Geomorphical sites
NE25	Protection of Wildlife Corridors
NE26	Protection of habitats of special importance to wildlife
NE27	Protection of Protected Species
NE28	Rivers, smaller watercourses and their corridors
NE29	Works to watercourses and water bodies
NE33	Protection of Trees, Woodlands and Hedgerows
NE34	Tree felling
NE35	Tree Preservation Orders
NE37	Landscaping in developments
BE2	Pedestrian environments for people with impaired mobility
BE4	Shop front design
BE5	Shop signs
BE6	Wall mounted poster hoardings
BE7	Free standing poster hoardings
BE8	Advertising hoardings and non-directional signs
BE9	Advance advertising and directional signs
BE10	Design criteria for advance advertising and directional signs
BE11	Conversion of existing buildings in the open countryside to employment use
BE14	New agricultural and forestry buildings and roads in the open
	countryside
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	y, 16 th October 2007
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Number	
BE14a	Prior approval for new agricultural and forestry development
BE15	Reconstruction of buildings in the open countryside
BE17	Demolition of buildings in Conservation Areas
BE18	Development affecting the character and setting of a Conservation Area
BE19	Demolition of Listed Buildings
BE20	Demolition of structures in the curtilage of a Listed Building

BE21	Alteration and extension to Listed Buildings
BE22	The setting of Listed Buildings
BE23	Change of use of Listed Buildings
BE25	Preservation of scheduled ancient monuments, nationally important
	sites and settings
BE26	Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site
BE27	Regional and Locally important archaeological sites and settings
BE28	Archaeological Assessment
BE29	Development and preservation
H4	Commuter Pressure Area housing site allocations
H6	Land safeguarded to meet possible future housing needs of Hexham
H6a	Land safeguarded to meet possible future housing needs of Acomb
H7	Land safeguarded to meet possible future housing needs of Corbridge
H13	Rural Area housing site allocations
H15	Additional small housing developments within the Rural Area
H16	Community facilities and infrastructure requirements associated with
	housing development
H18	Housing for rural businesses
H19	Removal of rural workers occupancy restrictions
H20	Extensions to dwellings in the countryside
H21	Extensions to domestic gardens in the countryside
H23	Affordable rural housing exception sites
H24	Creation of residential accommodation on upper floors in Commercial
	Areas
H25	Restricting conversions of existing residential accommodation above
	commercial premises in Commercial Areas
H26	Accessible housing
H27	Mobility housing
H29	Protection of character of low density housing
H31	Public open space within housing areas
H32	Residential design criteria
H33	Residential extensions
H34	Extensions to existing dwellings to provide accommodation for additional people
H35	Backland development
H36	Residential caravans and mobile homes
ED1	Land allocated for Employment Development
ED1a	Development opportunity site: Hexham Goods Yard
ED3	Requirement of a railway bridge for site ED1.18, Haltwhistle (West End Link Road)
ED4	Expansion land
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	ed beyond 27 th September 2007 and not superseded by the adoption of the
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Policy Number	Description
ED5	Development permitted in existing employment areas
ED6	Control of B2 Uses which could cause potential harm to the environment
ED7	Uses not permitted in existing employment areas or on sites allocated
	for employment use
ED9	15 ha safeguarded land at Beaufront Road, Hexham
ED11	Small scale opportunities from new sites, redevelopment or conversions
ED12	Criteria to assess change of use or redevelopment of an existing
	employment use to a non-employment use
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ED13	Farm diversification
ED13	
ED14	Change of use of part of a dwelling to office/light industrial use
TM1	Provision and enhancement of business support and training facilities
TM2	Protection of existing tourist facilities and/or community services
	Enhancement of existing facilities, attractions and infrastructure
TM4	New tourism development in the open countryside outside the Green Belt and the North Pennines AONB
TM6	Tourism development in the North Pennines AONB
TM7	Tourist accommodation in existing settlements
TM8	Tourist accommodation in existing settlements Tourist accommodation outside existing settlements
TM9	Hotel development in Kielder Tourism Priority Area
TM11	
TM12	Hotel development at Hexham Static caravans and chalet development
TM14	Chalets
TM15	
TM16	Occupancy condition on self catering tourist accommodation
TIVITO	Removal of occupancy conditions which prevent permanent residential use
RT1b	Food and Drink Uses in Commercial Areas
RT3	Convenience retailing in Hexham
RT4	Comparison retailing in Hexham
RT5	Pedestrian link
RT6	Opportunity site for redevelopment for retail/commercial uses in Prudhoe
RT8	Small scale retail uses outside Commercial Areas of District and Local Centres
RT9	Small scale commercial activity in small settlements
RT10	Farm shops and rural outlets outside settlements
RT11	Protection of the last remaining convenience shop
RT12	Petrol Stations located within or adjoining settlements
RT13	Retailing should be ancillary to the industrial use
RT14	Food and Drink uses outside Commercial Areas
LR3	Protection of open space facilities
LR4	Amenity open space as private gardens
LR5	Parks and gardens
LR8	Sites for outdoor sport and recreation
LR11	Outdoor sports facilities for new residential development
LR14	Location and design of play areas
LR15	Play areas in new residential developments (standards and design criteria)
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Number	
LR16	Protection of allotments
LR17	Provision of new allotments
LR18	Criteria for provision of Golf Courses
LR19	Safeguard existing and promotion of new public rights of way
LR21	Safeguard disused railway lines
LR22	Development of the C2C cycle route
LR24	Criteria for permitting sites for noisy sports
TP1	A69 dualling

TDO	Darlanda of the Borne Park
TP2	Protection of new bypass lines
TP3	Protection of road improvement schemes
TP4	Haltwhistle West-End Link Road
TP5	Traffic management and impaired mobility
TP9	Original Hexham Auction Mart redevelopment
TP14	Car parking provision in Corbridge
TP15	Traffic Calming in new residential development
TP18	Hadrian's Wall Car Parking
TP19	A69 roadside facilities for the motorist
TP21	Redevelopment of existing rail freight terminals
TP24	Redevelopment of existing Public Transport facilities
TP25	South Tynedale Railway
TP26	Protection and enhancement of Rights of Way network
TP27	Development affecting Public Rights of Way
CS2	New health centres
CS3	Residential Institutions (Class C2 uses)
CS4	Prudhoe West End First School Relocation
CS6	Hexham emergency helicopter landing site
CS7	Haltwhistle Fire Station relocation
CS10	LPG supply to new housing developments
CS12	Oil supply to new housing developments
CS13	Overhead electricity power lines of 132 kv or more
CS14	Overhead electricity power lines of less than 132 kv
CS15	Undergrounding of services in new developments
CS17	Domestic Renewable Energy projects
CS18	Telecommunications development
CS19	Location of development either causing or adjacent to pollution sources
CS20	Agricultural intensive livestock, sludge and slurry stores
CS21	Location of noise sensitive uses
CS22	Location of noise generating uses
CS23	Development on contaminated land
CS24	Development adjacent to or in vicinity of contaminated land
CS26	Water and Sewage Treatment Works
CS27	Sewerage
CS29	HSE notifiable hazardous installations
CS30	HSE notifiable pipelines
CS31	Carlisle and Newcastle Airports Aeronautical Safeguarding Areas
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Number	
GP1	The Locational Strategy for the District
GP2	Green Belt
GP2a	Green Belt
GP4	Accessibility
GP5	Landscape Character
GP6	Trees and Hedgerows
GP7	Best and most Versatile Agricultural Land
GP7a	Farm Diversification
GP8	The Coastal Zone
GP9	Sites of international importance for nature conservation

GP10	Sites of national importance for nature conservation
GP11	Sites of local or regional nature conservation significance
GP12	Protection of Species
GP13	Biodiversity and Wildlife Networks
GP14	Listed Buildings
GP15	Listed Buildings
GP16	Listed Buildings
GP17	Conservation Areas
GP18	Conservation Areas
GP19	Conservation Areas
GP20	Archaeology
GP21	Archaeology
GP22	Flood Risk and Erosion
GP22a	Land Instability
GP23	Pollution and Nuisance
GP24	Pollution and Nuisance
GP25	Pollution and Nuisance
GP26	Pollution and Nuisance
GP27	Hazardous Installations
GP28	Hazardous Installations
GP29	Land Contamination
GP30	Visual Impact
GP31	Urban Design
GP32	Landscaping and the Public Realm
GP33	Public Art
GP34	Resource Conservation and Integrated Renewable Energy
GP35	Crime Prevention
GP36	Comprehensive Development
H1a	Existing Housing
H1	New housing requirements
H2	Housing land allocations
H3	Windfall housing sites
H4	Monitoring
H5	The design and density of new housing developments
H6	The design and density of new housing developments
H7	Affordable housing
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	ved until 2010
Policy	Description
Number	
H8	Extensions to existing houses
H9	Gypsy and Traveller Caravan Sites
H10	Residential Institutions and Care Homes
EMP1	General Employment Land and Business Parks
EMP2	General Employment Land and Business Parks
EMP3	Cambois Zone of Economic Opportunity
EMP4	Alcan Employment Zone
EMP5	Port Related Development
EMP6	Earth Balance Sustainable Development
EMP7	Employment generating development in non-designated areas
EMP8	Retention of general employment sites

RTC1	Town Centre Uses
RTC4	Retail Development Outside Settlements
RTC5	Primary Shopping Area
RTC6	Food and Drink Uses
RTC7	Open Air Retailing
RTC8	Upper Floors of Retail Premises
RTC9	Shop Fronts
RTC10	Town Centre Development Opportunities
RTC11	Outdoor Advertisments
T1	Ashington, Blyth and Tyne Rail Line
T1a	Rail Freight
T2	Provision for buses
T3	Provision for cyclists
T4	Provision for walking
T5	Access for people with reduced mobility
T6	Traffic implications of new development
T7	Parking provision in new development
T8	Existing Car Parks
T9 T10	Road Schemes
REC1	Traffic management
REC2	Safeguarding existing parks and open spaces
REC3	Safeguarding existing parks and open spaces Safeguarding existing parks and open spaces
REC4	Safeguarding existing parks and open spaces Safeguarding existing parks and open spaces
REC5	Provision of new facilities
REC7	Provision by developers
REC8	Children's play
REC9	Caravan sites
REC10	Caravan sites
REC11	Access to the countryside and coast
REC12	Cultural and tourism opportunities
CF1	Safeguarding existing community facilities
CF2	The provision of new community facilities
CF3	Utilities infrastructure
CF4	Telecommunications development
	K DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN (ADOPTED JULY 2007)
	ved until 2010
Policy	Description
Number	Danassahla Fransıs
CF5	Renewable Energy
CF7	Water Supply and drainage
CF7	Planning conditions and obligations Proposals Land at Alexandra Poad, Ashington
CF8 CF9	Proposals, Land at Alexandra Road, Ashington
CF10	Proposals, Land at Moorhouse Lane, Ashington Proposals, Mixed use development at Alnwick Drive, Bedlington
CF10	Proposals, Land West Lea, Bedlington
CF12	Proposals, Land to the north of Rotary Park Way
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Appendix A2: Core Strategy Policies

Alnwick District Local Development Framework, Core Strategy DPD (Adopted 16th October 2007)

Policy No.	Description
S1	Location & Scale Of New Development
S2	The Sequential Approach To Development
S3	Sustainability Criteria
S4	The Phased Release Of Housing L&
S5	Housing Density
S6	Provision Of Affordable Housing
S7	Sites For Gypsies & Travellers
S8	Economic Regeneration
S9	Employment Land Allocation
S10	Tourism Development
S11	Locating Development to Maximise Access & Minimise Impact from Travel
S12	Protecting & Enhancing Biodiversity & Geodiversity
S13	Landscape Character
S14	Development In The Open Countryside
S15	Protecting The Built & Historic Environment
S16	General Design Principles
S17	Town Centres
S18	Provision Of Social & Community Facilities
S19	Redevelopment Of Existing School Sites
S20	Sport & Recreation
S21	Renewable Energy
S22	Energy Efficiency
S23	Planning Obligations

'A Future for Blyth Valley' Local Development Framework, Core Strategy (Adopted 5th July 2007)

Policy No.	Description
SS1	Regeneration and Renaissance of Blyth Valley 2021
SS2	The Sequential Approach and Phasing
SS3	Sustainability Criteria
H1	Housing Provision
H2	Making the Best and Most Efficient Use of Land
H3	Mix of Housing Development
H5	Improvement of Areas of Older Housing Stock
H6	Gypsies and Travellers
REG1	Employment Land Provision
REG2	Employment Land Distribution
REG3	Regional Brownfield Mixed Use Development – Blyth Estuary
REG4	Prestige Employment Site & Sub-Regional Employment Site
REG5	Business Clusters
REG6	Tourism, Visitor & Culture-led Regeneration
R1	Hierarchy of Retail Centres
R2	Town Centre Retail Led Regeneration
A1	Traffic Management
A2	Pedestrian / Cycle Routes
A3	Ashington, Blyth & Tyne Rail Line
C1	Educational Facilities
C2	Open Space – Strategic Priorities
ENV1	Natural Environment & Resources
ENV2	Historic & Built Environment

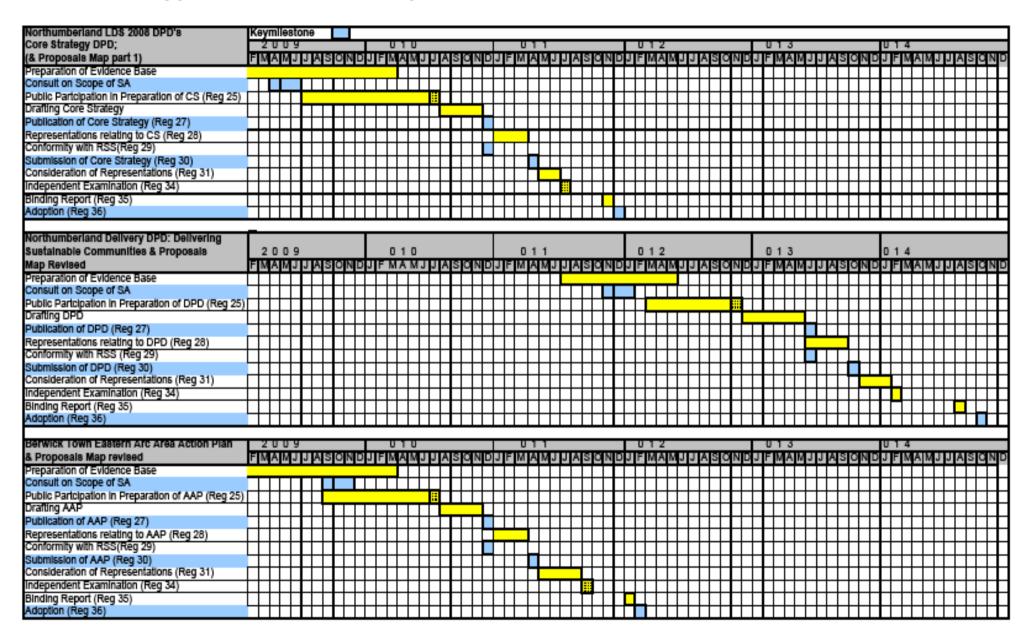
Tynedale Local Development Framework, Core Strategy (Adopted 16th October 2007)

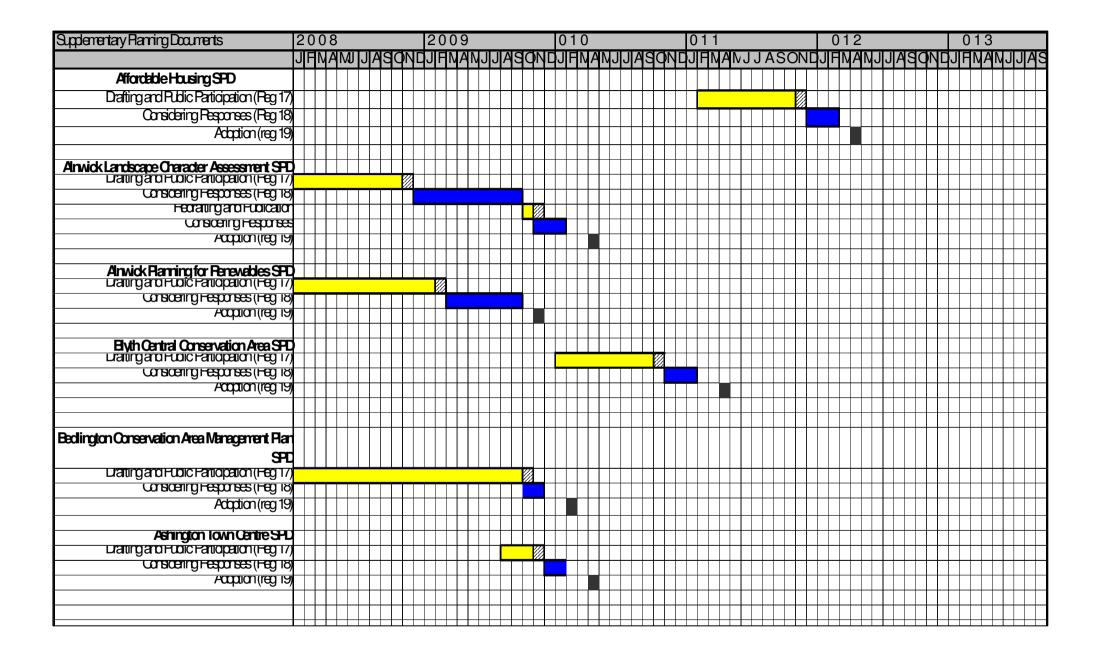
Policy No.	Description
GD1	The General Location of Development
GD2	Prioritising Sites for Development
GD3	The Green Belt
GD4	Principles for transport & Accessibility
GD5	Minimising Flood Risk
GD6	Planning Obligations
NE1	Principles for the Natural Environment
NE2	Landscape Character
BE1	Principles for the Built Environment
BE2	Appraising & Reviewing Conservation Areas
BE3	Listed Buildings at Risk
H1	Principles for Housing
H2	Housing Provision & Management of Supply
H3	The Location of New Housing
H4	Housing on Green Field Land
H5	Housing Density
H6	Change of Use of Existing Buildings to Housing
H7	Meeting Affordable Housing Needs
H8	Affordable Housing on Market Housing Sites
H9	Gypsies & Travelling People
EDT1	Principles for Economic Development & Tourism
EDT2	Employment Land Provision
EDT3	Employment Development in the Open Countryside
EDT4	Tourist Development in the Open Countryside
EDT5	Kielder Tourism Priority Area
RT1	Principles for Town Centres & Retailing
RT2	Primary Shopping Areas
RT3	Primary Shopping Frontages
CS1	Principles for Community Services & Facilities
EN1	Principles for Energy
EN2	Commercial Scale Renewable Energy Development
EN3	Energy Conservation & Production in Major New Developments

Blyth Valley Borough Council LDF, Development Control DPD (Adopted 13th September 2007)

Policy No.	Description
DC1	General Development
DC2	Planning Obligations
DC3	Development in the Green Belt & in the Countryside
DC4	Replacement Buildings in the Countryside
DC5	Housing Development on Windfall Sites
DC6	Development on Existing Ind Est. & Non Employment Uses on Ind Est.'s
DC7	Strategic & Sub Regional Employment Sites
DC8	Office Uses
DC9	Mixed Uses
DC10	Local Shopping
DC11	Planning for Sustainable Travel
DC12	Provision of Community Facilities
DC13	Open Space Contributions
DC14	Sites of National Importance for Nature Conservation
DC15	Sites of Nature Conservation Importance and Local Nature Reserves
DC16	Biodiversity
DC17	Landscape: General Protection and Restoration
DC18	Historic Parks & Gardens
DC19	Drainage & Flood Risk
DC20	Utilities & Infrastructure
DC21	Pollution Control
DC22	Noise Pollution
DC23	Conservation Areas
DC24	Listed Buildings
DC25	The Local List
DC26	Archaeology
DC27	Design of New Developments
DC28	Extensions & Alterations of Residential Properties
DC29	Telecommunications
DC30	Integrated Renewable Energy
DC31	Renewable Energy Schemes

Appendix 3: Local Development Scheme Timetable





Appendix 4: Existing Local Development Documents not progressing under the Northumberland LDS

Local Planning Authority / Title	Status
Northumberland County Council	
Northumberland Mineral and Waste Development Control Framework	DPD
Northumberland Minerals and Waste Site Management and Operations	SPD
Northumberland Minerals and Waste Reclamation	SPD
Alnwick District Council	
Alnwick - Alnwick Town Site Allocations and Policies	DPD
Alnwick - Amble Town Site Allocations and Policies	DPD
Alnwick - Rothbury and Rural Areas Site Allocations and Policies	DPD
Alnwick District Wide Development Management Policies	DPD
Alnwick Affordable Housing	SPD
Alnwick Planning Obligations	SPD
Alnwick Open Space and Recreation	SPD
Alnwick Design Concept Statements	SPD
Alnwick Layout and Design of Residential Developments	SPD
Alnwick Residential Extensions	SPD
Alnwick Agricultural Buildings	SPD
Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Council	
Berwick-upon-Tweed Core Strategy	DPD
Berwick Site Allocations	DPD
Berwick Development Control	DPD
Berwick Affordable Homes	SPD
Berwick The Design of Residential Development	SPD

Local Planning Authority / Title	Status			
Blyth Valley Borough Council				
Blyth Valley - Blyth Town DPD (Site allocations)				
Blyth Valley - Seaton Valley DPD (Site allocations)	DPD			
Blyth Valley - Cramlington Town (Site allocations)	DPD			
Blyth Valley Affordable Housing	SPD			
Blyth Valley 106 Obligations	SPD			
Blyth Valley Open Space	SPD			
Blyth Valley Sustainable Urban Design Framework	SPD			
Blyth Valley Extensions to Dwellings	SPD			
Blyth Valley Temporary Industrial Buildings	SPD			
Blyth Valley Hot Food Takeaway	SPD			
Blyth Valley - Cramlington Town Centre Master Plan	SPD			
Blyth Valley Keel Row	SPD			
Blyth Valley Links House Farm Development Brief	SPD			
Blyth Valley Wallaw Cinema Development Brief	SPD			
Castle Morpeth Borough Council				
Castle Morpeth Core Strategy	DPD			
Castle Morpeth Site Specific Allocations	DPD			
Castle Morpeth Green Belt	DPD			
Castle Morpeth Development Control Policies	DPD			
Castle Morpeth Coastal Villages	AAP			
Castle Morpeth - Morpeth Town	AAP			
Castle Morpeth - Ponteland Village Centre	AAP			
Castle Morpeth Affordable Housing	SPD			
Castle Morpeth Planning Obligations and Agreements	SPD			

Castle Morpeth Green Spaces Strategy				
Castle Morpeth Sustainable Development and Energy Efficiency				
Castle Morpeth Urban Design Framework				
Castle Morpeth Public Art				
Blyth Valley Borough Council				
Tynedale Site Allocations	DPD			
Tynedale Development Control Policies				
Tynedale - North Pennines Buildings Design Guide				
Tynedale Affordable Housing				
Wansbeck District Council				
Wansbeck Vehicle Parking Standards	SPD			

Appendix 5 Glossary of Terms

Area Action Plan (AAP): provide a detailed planning framework for areas where significant change or conservation is needed, e.g. growth or regeneration.

Core Strategy: The main Local Development Document within the LDF which sets out: an overall vision for the development of the area, strategic objectives and key issues to be addressed, a delivery strategy for the objectives setting out how much development should happen where, when and how it will be delivered, including locations for strategic development.

Development Plan Documents (DPD): Spatial planning documents, subject to independent examination, which together with the regional spatial strategy form the statutory development plan for the area.

Local Development Documents (LDD): the collective term for development plan documents, supplementary planning documents and the statement of community involvement.

Local Development Framework (LDF): the name of the portfolio of documents consisting of development plan documents, supplementary planning documents, a statement of community involvement, a local development scheme and an annual monitoring report, which together provide the framework for delivering the spatial planning strategy for the area.

Local Development Scheme (LDS): Sets out the programme for the preparation of the local development documents.

Planning Policy Statement (PPS): The Government's planning policy, set out in a series of numbered documents, for example PPS12 considers Local Development Frameworks. They will replace Planning Policy Guidance notes.

Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS): Part of the statutory development plan which provides the overall spatial vision for the entire region, identifying the broad locations for growth and major infrastructure requirements, together with housing numbers to be provided for in LDDs. .

Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD): provide supplementary information in respect of policies in development plan documents. They are not part of the statutory development plan.

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI): Sets out the standards which the plan-making authority intend to achieve in relation to involving the community in the preparation, alteration and continuing review of all

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local development documents and in development control decisions, and also how the local planning authority intends to achieve those standards.