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Date: 31 August 2007

Dear Mr Halliday

I am writing with reference to your application of 16 March 2007 for directions under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 in respect of policies in Northumberland Minerals Local Plan (2000) and Northumberland Waste Local Plan (2001).

The Secretary of State's Directions are attached. Those policies not listed in the Directions will expire on 27 September 2007.

The extension of saved policies listed in these Directions does not indicate that the Secretary of State would necessarily endorse these policies if presented to her as new policy. The intention is merely to maintain an extension of existing adopted policy in the sole interests of maintaining continuity in the development plans system and a stable planning framework locally and, in particular, a continual supply of land for development.

Local planning authorities should not suppose that a regulatory local plan style approach will be supported in forthcoming Development Plan Documents. Authorities should adopt a positive non regulatory approach to DPD preparation and should not seek to reintroduce the numerous policies of many local plans.

Local planning authorities should make good progress with local development frameworks according to timetables in local development schemes. The exercise of extending saved policies is not an opportunity to delay DPD preparation. Policies have been extended in the expectation that they will be replaced promptly and by fewer policies in DPDs. Maximum use should be made of national and regional policy especially given the advanced position of many regional spatial strategies and the post 2004 status of the Regional Spatial Strategy.

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Following 27 September 2007, the extended policies should be read in context. Where policies were originally adopted some time ago, it is likely that material considerations, in particular the emergence of new national and regional policy and also new evidence, will be afforded considerable weight in decisions on planning applications. The attention of authorities is drawn to Planning Policy Statement 3 *Housing* (paragraphs 6 and 68) and the Housing Green Paper – *Homes for the future: more affordable, more sustainable* (chapter 2, paragraph 15).

Yours sincerely

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**DIRECTION UNDER PARAGRAPH 1(3) OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE  
PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004  
POLICIES CONTAINED IN NORTHUMBERLAND MINERALS LOCAL PLAN (2000)**

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in exercise of the power conferred by paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 directs that for the purposes of the policies specified in the Schedule to this direction, paragraph 1(2)(a) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 does not apply.

Signed by authority of the  
Secretary of State

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Caroline Burden  
Head of the Planning Team  
Government Office for the North East  
31 August 2007

## SCHEDULE

### POLICIES CONTAINED IN NORTHUMBERLAND MINERALS LOCAL PLAN (2000)

S1	Minerals supply & 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 Hadrians 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 benefit
C2	Preferred areas
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
OG1	Future provision
SM1	Ensuring good site management
R1	Site reclamation
MD4	Reworking of mineral waste



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**DIRECTION UNDER PARAGRAPH 1(3) OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE  
PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004  
POLICIES CONTAINED IN NORTHUMBERLAND WASTE LOCAL PLAN (2001)**

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in exercise of the power conferred by paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 directs that for the purposes of the policies specified in the Schedule to this direction, paragraph 1(2)(a) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 does not apply.

Signed by authority of the  
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31 August 2007

## SCHEDULE

### POLICIES CONTAINED IN NORTHUMBERLAND WASTE LOCAL PLAN (2001)

S3	Protecting communities and the environment
EP2	Protecting local communities
EP4	Landscape Protection
EP13	Protecting Hadrians 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 benefit
RE1	Mini recycling centres
RE2	Civic amenity sites
RE3	Material recycling facilities
RE4	Recycling industrial & commercial waste
RE5	Recycling construction & 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 & 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