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Dear Mr Halliday

WANSBECK DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN (ADOPTED JULY 2007)

I am writing with reference to your application of 8 April 2010 for a direction under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 in respect of policies in the Wansbeck District Local Plan (2007).

The Secretary of State's Direction is attached. Those policies not listed in the Direction will expire on 3 July 2010.

The extension of saved policies listed in this Direction does not indicate that the Secretary of State would necessarily endorse these policies if presented to his as new policy. The intention is merely to maintain an extension of existing adopted policy in the sole interests of providing 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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From 3 July 2010, 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.

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 WANSBECK DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN-2007**

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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22 April 2010

SCHEDULE

POLICIES CONTAINED IN WANSBECK DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN (2007)

GP1	Location of development
GP2	Green Belt
GP2a	Green Belt Villages
GP4	Accessibility
GP5	Landscape character
GP6	Trees and hedgerows
GP7a	Farm diversification
GP8	Protection of the Coastal Zone
GP10	Protection of sites of national importance for nature conservation
GP11	Protection of sites of local or regional nature conservation significance
GP13	Biodiversity and wildlife networks
GP14	Demolition of listed buildings
GP15	Changes to listed buildings
GP16	Setting of listed buildings
GP17	Designation of Conservation Areas
GP18	Protection of Conservation Areas
GP19	Making of Article 4 Directions in Conservation Areas
GP20	Protection of archaeological sites
GP21	Evaluation of archaeological sites
GP22	Flood risk and erosion
GP22a	Land instability
GP23	Development causing pollution and nuisance
GP24	Development in proximity to sources of pollution
GP25	Noise generating development
GP26	Development exposed to noise
GP27	Hazardous installations
GP28	Hazardous installations
GP29	Land contamination
GP30	Visual impact of development
GP31	Standards of urban design
GP32	Standards of landscape treatment
GP33	Public art
GP34	Resource conservation and integrated renewable energy
GP35	Crime Prevention
GP36	Comprehensive development
H1a	Existing housing areas
H2	Housing allocations
H3	Windfall sites
H5	Design of new housing developments
H6	Density of new housing development
H7	Affordable housing
H8	Extensions to existing houses
H9	Gypsy and traveller caravan sites
H10	Residential institutions and care homes

EMP1	General Employment areas
EMP2	Business Parks
EMP3	Cambois Zone of Economic Development
EMP4	Alcan Employment Zone
EMP5	Port related development
EMP6	Earth Balance sustainable development project
EMP7	Employment generating development in non-designated areas
EMP8	Retention of general employment areas
RTC1	Town Centre uses
RTC4	Retail development outside settlements
RTC5	Primary shopping areas
RTC6	Food and drink uses
RTC7	Open air retailing
RTC8	Upper floor of premises
RTC9	Shop fronts
RTC10	Town Centre Development Opportunities
RTC11	Outdoor advertisements
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	Road schemes
REC1	Strategically important parks and open spaces
REC2	Protection of non-strategic open spaces
REC3	Development on playing fields
REC4	Loss of allotments
REC5	Proposals for new outdoor sports and recreation facilities
REC7	Provision for new outdoor sports and recreation facilities
REC8	Provision for children's play in new housing developments
REC9	Provision for new holiday caravan sites
REC10	Extensions to existing holiday caravan and camping sites
REC11	Cultural and tourism opportunities
REC12	Cultural and tourism opportunities
CF1	Safeguarding existing community facilities
CF2	Provision of community facilities
CF3	Proposals for utilities infrastructure
CF4	Proposals for telecommunications developments
CF5	Renewable energy projects
CF6	Water supply and drainage
CF7	Planning conditions and obligations
CF8	Allocations of land for community and recreational uses at Hirst Welfare
CF9	Allocation of land for health service uses at Moorhouse Lane, Ashington

- CF10** **Mixed use development at Alnwick Drive, Bedlington**
- CF11** **Allocation of land at West Lea, Bedlington for cemetery purposes**
- CF12** **Allocation of land north of Rotary Park Way for educational, community and recreational uses.**

