

Policy SA1 – Mixed Use Development Opportunities from the Site Specific Allocations (April 2012)

Policy SS1 from the South Shields Area Action Plan (Nov 2008)

Policy J1 from the Jarrow Area Action Plan (Sept 2010)

Policy H1 from the Hebburn Area Action Plan (Oct 2008)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Development Management Policies DM7: Biodiversity and Geodiversity Sites

Core Strategy Policy EA2: The Coastal Zone

Core Strategy Policy EA3: Biodiversity and Geodiversity

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

The Council concurs with proposals in Questions 52 – 53

Q54-55 is not applicable to the LPA

The Council concurs with proposals in Questions 56-58

Q59 is not applicable to the LPA

The Council concurs with proposals in Questions 60-61

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

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