



Newark & Sherwood Local Development Framework

**Allocations & Development Management DPD – Strategic Policies for the
Purposes of Neighbourhood Planning**

Consultation September 2012

Strategic Policies for the Purposes of Neighbourhood Planning

1) Introduction

- 1.1 The government has recently introduced a system of Neighbourhood Planning, which allows Parish and Town Council's to produce Plans and Orders to guide development at a local level.
- 1.2 One of the requirements of such Plans and Orders is that they should be in line with the 'Strategic Policies' of Local Development Framework. As we have recently prepared and submitted an Allocations & Development Management Development Plan Document (DPD) which contains policies and proposals we are now consulting on which of these could be considered as strategic.
- 1.3 The Allocations & Development Management DPD is available to view on line at www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/adm at your local Library or at Kelham Hall (during normal opening hours).
- 1.4 The consultation period will be from the 19th September 2012 until 5:15pm on Monday 15th October 2012. All comments and responses to the questions on Page 3 should be sent to Planning Policy, Newark & Sherwood District Council, Kelham Hall, Newark, Notts, NG23 5QX or via planning.policy@nsdc.info
- 1.5 These comments will be provided to the Planning Inspector who will be considering the overall soundness of the Allocations & Development Management DPD at an upcoming Examination.

2) Strategic Policies

- 2.1 The Government provides no guidance on what is or is not a strategic policy other than to state in the National Planning Policy Framework that Neighbourhood Plans should reflect these policies and plan positively to support them.
- 2.2 We have reviewed the policies and proposals contained within the Allocations & Development Management DPD and have made a judgement about what should be regarded as strategic. In doing so we have considered their importance in the implementation of the overall aims of the Core Strategy and the development levels proposed within it and its other requirements.
- 2.3 The review has identified 3 areas for designation as strategic policies these are:
 - 1) Policies which cover the whole of the District
The DPD contains a number of Development Management Policies which will provide the context for the consideration of development proposals across the District. In order to facilitate consistent implementation it is proposed that all Development Management Policies are regarded as strategic.

- 2) Policies which allocate land which delivers a large percentage of future development requirements in that location. The DPD allocates a range of sites for future development across the District. Whilst the Newark Urban Area will accommodate a large percentage of future development, other locations have been allocated development to meet local need and aid regeneration. It is proposed that larger sites in the context of these settlements should be regarded as strategic. It is therefore proposed to regard the following as strategic:
- i) A single allocation in one community which delivers development requirements
 - ii) Allocations delivering 100 dwellings or more in Newark Urban Area
 - iii) Allocations delivering 50 dwellings or more elsewhere in the District
 - iv) Mixed Use Allocations of 2.5 hectares or more
 - v) Employment allocations in or around Newark Urban Area of 5 hectares or more
 - vi) Employment allocations elsewhere in the District of 2.5 hectares or more
- 3) Policies allocating land which requires a change in the Green Belt Boundaries. As part of the requirements of the Core Strategy we have carried out a small scale review of Green Belt Boundaries around three settlements. This has resulted in a number of changes to the Green Belt Boundary to accommodate housing allocations. Therefore whilst the reviews are minor, the act of allocation amends a strategic policy and the allocations are therefore strategic.

2.4 The Policies which are identified as being Strategic are set out in detail below in Table 1.

Table 1	
Policies regarded as Strategic	Reason for decision
Policy DM 1 – Development within Settlements Central to Delivering the Spatial Strategy* Policy DM 2 – Development on Allocated Sites Policy DM 3 – Developer Contributions Policy DM 4 – Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Generation Policy DM 5 - Design Policy DM 6 – Householder Development Policy DM 7 – Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure Policy DM 8 – Development in the Open Countryside	The Development Management Policies provide a strategic context for decision making across the District.

Policy DM 9 – Protecting and Enhancing the Historic Environment Policy DM 10 – Pollution and Hazardous Materials Policy DM 11 – Retail and Town Centre Uses Policy DM 12 – Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development	
Clipstone – Cl/MU/1 Collingham – Co/MU/1 Sutton on Trent – ST/MU/1	A single allocation in one community which delivers development requirements
Newark Urban Area – NUA/Ho/4, NUA/Ho/5, NUA/Ho/9, NUA/Ho/10	Allocations delivering 100 dwellings or more in Newark Urban Area
Bilsthorpe – Bi/Ho/2 Blidworth – Bl/Ho/3 Edwinstowe – Ed/Ho/1, Ed/Ho/2 Ollerton & Boughton – OB/Ho/1, OB/Ho/3 Rainworth – Ra/Ho/1	Allocations delivering 50 dwellings or more elsewhere in the District (not already identified above)
Bilsthorpe – Bi/MU/1 Farnsfield – Fa/MU/1 Newark Urban Area – NUA/MU/1, NUA/MU/2, NUA/MU/3, NUA/MU/4 Ollerton & Boughton – OB/MU/1, OB/MU/2	Mixed Use Sites of 2.5 hectares or more (not already identified above)
Blidworth – Bl/Ho/1 Lowdham – Lo/Ho/1, Lo/Ho/2, Lo/Ho/3 Rainworth – Ra/Ho/2	Allocation which require changes in Green Belt Boundaries
Newark Urban Area – NUA/E/2	Employment allocations in or around Newark Urban Area of 5 hectares or more.
Bilsthorpe – Bi/E/1 Ollerton & Boughton – OB/E/3 Rainworth – Ra/E/1 Southwell – So/E/2, So/E/3	Employment allocations elsewhere in the District of 2.5 hectares or more.
* Along with Spatial Policy 1 of the Core Strategy Policy DM 1 is the policy to which Urban Boundaries and Village Envelopes are attached, therefore such designations are Strategic for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning	

2.5 Consultation Questions

QUESTION 1 – Do you agree with the Council’s approach to Strategic Policies in this DPD?

QUESTION 2- Do you believe that the Council should identify any other Policies as ‘Strategic and if so which ones?