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Policy 1: Spatial Strategy	This policy is an overarching spatial strategy which considers the approach to new development across the Borough.	<p>Excluding the Urban Core area, which is to be covered by the UCAAP, <b>this DPD could:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and allocate sites for development, with a focus on residential site allocations to meet the 5 year housing land supply targets within Neighbourhood and Village Areas</li> <li>Set policy that targets development for expansion in Rural Areas and Villages including provision of adequate facilities and services.</li> <li>Set policies to ensure the provision of adequate employment land across Gateshead, and the identification of Primary Employment Areas</li> </ul>	The DPD needs to ensure that all development is based on standards for Inclusive Design and Sustainability.	<p>Suggest the following be included in the DPD in relation to Spatial Strategy:</p> <p>“Set policies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure all developments are based on inclusive design concepts and standards</li> <li>To address inequalities for existing deprived groups and communities</li> <li>To support continuing sustainability</li> <li>To ensure Equality Impact Assessments exist for all such developments and are robust; supported by appropriate and proportionate consultation with relevant equality representatives.”</li> </ul>
Policy 2: Strategic Growth Areas	Identifies Strategic Growth Areas – the Urban Core, Callerton Park and Metro Green – which will make a major contribution to NewcastleGateshead’s development requirements.	<p>This DPD could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allocate sites associated with the MetroGreen Strategic Growth Area and include criteria-based policies for their successful development and integration with the surrounding area, setting the scene for a more detailed Masterplan or Area Action Plan.</li> </ul>		

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<p>Policy 3: Neighbourhoods – Sustainable Growth and Change</p>	<p>This policy identifies our neighbourhood growth and regeneration areas and high level criteria to guide development. The policy sets out the requirement for 21,000 new dwellings across the Neighbourhood areas up to 2030.</p>	<p>This DPD could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and allocate sites for housing which are located sustainably within neighbourhoods, i.e. with existing good transport connections and community facilities and services</li> <li>Set policies which ensure developers take into consideration minimum standards, e.g. wheelchair housing standards / density of housing / type and tenure</li> <li>Set policies indicating how decisions will be made on housing development proposed outside strategic neighbourhood growth areas, as identified within the Core Strategy.</li> </ul>	<p>Reference to Lifetime Homes should be included here.</p> <p>Social Housing should also be an automatic consideration, to be decided on along with other local indicators of need.</p> <p>As stated in previous consultation response: “A policy is required to advocate the design of homes with additional flexibility of accommodation, including potential for future ease of extending, supported by suitable allowances for permitted developments through local planning guidelines that respond to specific impairment related needs; which goes beyond the existing Lifetime Homes and Wheelchair Housing standards.” (DESUIF response to OCS Jan 2012): This should also be considered in and reflected by policies relating to “density of housing / type and tenure” which can greatly impact on “permitted development”.</p>	<p>Suggest rewording of second bullet point to ensure good practice for equality: “Set policies which ensure developers take into consideration best practice which as a minimum will include standards such as wheelchair housing standards, Lifetime Homes, social housing, and appropriate policies to address density of housing / type and tenure.”</p> <p>Suggest the addition of the following as a bullet point: “Set policies to encourage the design of homes with additional flexibility of accommodation, including potential for future ease of extending, supported by suitable allowances for permitted developments through local planning guidelines; such as to enable increased potential for developments / adaptations / extensions to respond to specific impairment related needs of existing / intended occupiers that cannot be adequately addressed by existing standards including Lifetime Homes and Wheelchair Housing.”</p>

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<p>Policy 4: Villages – Sustainable Growth and Change</p>	<p>This policy identifies our neighbourhood growth and regeneration areas and high level criteria to guide development. The policy sets out the requirement for 4,500 new dwellings across the villages up to 2030.</p>	<p>This DPD could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and allocate sites for housing which are located sustainably within villages, i.e. with existing good transport connections and community facilities and services</li> <li>Set policies which ensure developers take into consideration minimum standards, e.g. wheelchair housing standards / density of housing / type and tenure</li> <li>Set policies indicating how decisions will be made on housing development proposed outside strategic village growth areas, as identified within the Core Strategy.</li> </ul>	<p>The reference to “...existing good transport connections and community facilities and services...” appears to fail to give recognition to the current disparities of access to transport and facilities experienced by many disabled, elderly and vulnerable persons: issues which also need to be addressed within the DPD and policies for ‘Sustainable Growth and Change’.</p> <p>As per comment above under Policy 3.</p>	<p>Suggest add the following bullet point:</p> <p>“Set policies that will ensure developments support improvements to existing transport connections and community facilities that prioritise solutions to address existing disparities and inequalities of provision, to support the wider needs and social inclusion of diverse communities.”</p> <p>Suggest the addition of:</p> <p>“Set policies to encourage the design of homes with additional flexibility of accommodation, including potential for future ease of extending, supported by suitable allowances for permitted developments through local planning guidelines; such as to enable increased potential for developments / adaptations / extensions to respond to specific impairment related needs of existing / intended occupiers that cannot be adequately addressed by existing standards including Lifetime Homes and Wheelchair Housing.”</p>

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Policy 5: Green Belt	The policy sets out the strategic approach to defining the Green Belt to exclude land needed for the provision of new homes, including the allocation of the Callerton Park Strategic Growth Area. Also states that the remaining Green Belt will be protected in accordance with national policy.	<p>This DPD could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set out revised Green Belt boundaries, within which national policy on protection of the Green Belt will apply</li> <li>• Identify settlement envelopes within the Green Belt and policies which will apply to development within them.</li> </ul>		
Policy 6: Employment and Economic Growth Priorities	Policy focuses economic growth in the Urban Core and four key employment areas for specific sectors; and more generally sustainable growth in the knowledge based sector, in access to employment areas, in the range of sites and premises available and in opportunities for local people.	<p><b>This DPD could:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designate appropriately-located employment areas and allocate strategic and other sites</li> <li>• Include policies to support growth of the rural economy</li> <li>• Include a policy to require contributions for targeted training and recruitment.</li> <li>• Identify priority areas for economic regeneration, infrastructure provision and environmental enhancement.</li> <li>• Include location specific policy requirements for key employment areas e.g. Team Valley</li> <li>• Include design and quality of space policies to ensure useable and attractive working spaces. – e.g. inclusion of green space</li> </ul>		Suggest additional bullet point of: "Include policies aimed at 'Securing good outcomes for disabled people' by 'bringing employment and housing services together to improve their well-being and meet emerging needs'." (As advised in "A Vision for Adult Social Care: Capable Communities and Active Citizens, Department of Health, Nov 2010, p.13, 3.14")

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Policy 7: Employment Land Portfolio	Policy protects allocated employment sites, ensures that a five-year rolling land supply and a minimum reservoir of 12.4 hectares of employment land per year are available, and ensures the provision of a range of sites for new office development mainly in the Urban Core.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This DPD could:</li> <li>• Set out a policy for the redevelopment of existing employment land and the retention of Primary Employment Areas.</li> <li>• Set out land /floorspace requirements for other types of economic activity (including leisure) and how the plan will accommodate requirements.</li> <li>• <b>Allocate sites that will:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be appropriately located for office or manufacturing uses</li> <li>• Be suitable for distribution purposes</li> <li>• Be suitable for rail-related development</li> <li>• Provide local employment opportunities within rural areas.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Include a sequential approach to locating offices</li> </ul>		Suggest additional bullet point of: “Secure good outcomes for disabled people by bringing employment and housing services together to improve their well-being and meet emerging needs” (as advised in “A Vision for Adult Social Care: Capable Communities and Active Citizens, Department of Health, Nov 2010, p.13, 3.14”)

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Policy 8: Use of Employment Land for Alternative Uses	<p>Policy states that loss of employment land for other uses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- will be resisted in key employment areas where this will undermine the local economy</li> <li>- will be tested against criteria in other employment areas, including compatibility with surrounding land uses</li> <li>- will need to be part of a comprehensive redevelopment scheme for wider area at MetroGreen</li> </ul>	<p>This DPD could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set criteria to assess alternative uses of employment land, including considering how they would be detrimental to the local economy.</li> <li>• Set out a requirement to adhere to the MetroGreen Masterplan in terms of land use.</li> </ul>		
Policy 9: Leisure, Culture and Tourism	<p>Policy facilitates the provision of a range of leisure, cultural and tourism activities that are <b>easily accessible, socially inclusive</b> and respect the local environment. Major commercial facilities to be located within the Urban Core, and other facilities in other centres and appropriate locations – also recognises role of major sports attractions</p>	<p><b>This DPD could:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allocate sites for leisure and tourism development taking account of infrastructure requirements</li> <li>• Seek to protect existing facilities</li> <li>• Include more locally specific policies recognising particular attractions</li> <li>• Designate existing major attractions</li> </ul>		<p>Suggest additional bullet points of:</p> <p>“Seek to ensure developments provide a balanced provision of affordable and accessible facilities and services to support social inclusion.”</p> <p>“Seek to ensure developments increase potential for social inclusion, by addressing existing disparities and inequality of access to facilities and services for disabled and older persons.</p>

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Policy 10: Retail and Centres	<p>Policy identifies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hierarchy of centres as focus for appropriately scaled retail and related development</li> <li>• role of the Metrocentre as a regional out-of-centre destination</li> <li>• role of local parades of shops in meeting local needs.</li> </ul>	<p><b>This DPD could:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designate retail boundaries of all centres (excluding Gateshead which is covered by the Urban Core Area Action Plan) Metrocentre, and Retail World.</li> <li>• Designate primary retail frontage in appropriate district centres.</li> <li>• Allocate sites to accommodate new development e.g. Birtley, Felling and Blaydon</li> <li>• Set criteria specific to particular centres for considering proposals for retail and other shopping centre uses, including thresholds for retaining retail frontage</li> <li>• Set criteria for controlling hot food takeaways</li> </ul>	<p>The first bullet point is unclear as to whether the intention is to include or exclude the Metrocentre and Retail World.</p>	<p>Suggest additional bullet point of: “Set policies to ensure the accessibility of infrastructure, transport, and services as well as the physical access to health, retail, employment, and leisure facilities and services within the centres are improved to meet the physical and cultural access needs of disabled and older people and those who may otherwise be socially excluded.”</p>

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Policy 11: Existing Communities	Policy promotes quality and choice in our existing communities by improving local facilities and services, bringing empty properties back into use, demolishing non-viable housing stock, and preventing loss of family housing and over-concentration of Houses in Multiple Occupation.	<p>This DPD could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify sites or areas in need of renewal.</li> <li>Set out policies for providing and retaining family housing, controlling change of use to multiple occupation, dealing with empty properties and programming demolition where appropriate. Include more detailed criteria to protect existing communities</li> </ul>	It is also important to 'recognise and protect' accessible, adapted and/or affordable housing stock where this continues to satisfy either current or identified future local needs.	<p>Suggest amending bullet point to read:</p> <p>"Set out policies for providing and retaining existing family housing, accessible, adapted, and/or affordable housing, controlling change of use to multiple occupation, dealing with empty properties and programming demolition where appropriate."</p>
Policy 12: Delivering New Homes	Policy sets out the broad spatial distribution for the provision of new homes split into Urban Core, Neighbourhoods and Rural and Villages for each of Gateshead and Newcastle, against the predicted requirement identified.	<p><b>This DPD could:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allocate sites (other than in the Urban Core) to meet the predicted requirement</li> <li>Include policy on the use of previously-developed land for new housing.</li> </ul>	<p>As stated in previous consultation response:</p> <p>"Existing housing stock as well as current housing development design and planning fail to adequately achieve a suitable housing mix that can support the long-term needs for adapted housing for disabled and older people, especially where this relates to families with a disabled child or adult. This relates not just to the size of property and the design of the homes, but also to the density of housing development and the impact of limitations on permitted development of individual homes.</p> <p>Refer also to comments above for Policy 3, 4 and 11.</p>	Suggest additional bullet point of: "Set out policies for a suitable housing mix to support the long-term needs for adapted housing for individual persons, couples and families, for occupation by a disabled adult(s) or child/children."



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<p>Policy 13: Ensuring a Balanced Housing Stock</p>	<p>Policy sets out that housing will be developed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>with a consideration towards the balance of housing mix</li> <li>in a range of densities taking into consideration the local area</li> <li>to include a range of affordable homes</li> <li>to meet the needs of specific groups</li> </ul>	<p>This DPD could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set out policies to ensure the supply of a good mix of housing, including a high proportion of family housing</li> <li>Set out policies relating to housing densities and proximity of residential developments to local services.</li> <li>Set policies to ensure that development meets the needs of the local and predicted population through various standards and specialist accommodation</li> <li>Allocate sites where housing development would be adequately served and well integrated with existing development</li> <li>Allocate sites where affordable housing development would be more viable and therefore preferred (this would be subject to further consideration).</li> <li>Allocate suitable sites that would be viable for development of specialist accommodation, e.g. for students and elderly people</li> </ul>	<p>Whilst this proposal “to meet the needs of specific groups” is welcomed, it is important to ensure that this does not encourage disproportionate grouping of individuals or any particular housing needs type which could result in segregation instead of improved social inclusion. Further explanation of this policy statement is required, to ensure clarity of the aim and intentions, which relates not just to the size of property and the design of the homes, but also to the density and mix of housing development and the impact of limitations on permitted development of individual homes.</p> <p>This proposal regarding “needs of the local and predicted population through various standards and specialist accommodation” is welcomed, but standards will need to be confirmed.</p> <p>Whilst the proposal regarding “specialist accommodation” is welcomed, it is important to recognise many elderly person’s first choice and preference will often be to remain in their existing home or locality to maintain independence and/or connections with family/other people, facilities and services.</p>	<p>Suggest addition of bullet points:</p> <p>“Set policies to address the existing limitations of current housing to adequately support the long-term needs for adapted housing for disabled and older people”</p> <p>“Confirm best practice standards to be used in relation to housing accommodation, to be identified in the Urban Design SPD.”</p> <p>“Support the development of a suitable benchmark for housing accessibility based on best practice standards, to aid delivery of local needs-based quotas as well as aiding best use allocation of existing homes.”</p> <p>“Set policies to ensure the needs of local residents are recognised in development plans, giving recognition to priorities for continuity of local connections and services.”</p> <p>“Ensure a register is maintained of housing that is adapted or purpose designed for elderly or disabled people, containing adequate detail to confirm the potential suitability of the accommodation, to aid best use of resources and home allocations.”</p>

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Policy 14: Accommodating Travelling Groups	Policy sets out the criteria for assessing proposals for new provision for travelling groups.	This DPD could: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designate our existing sites for travelling groups</li> <li>• Allocate sites, with a preference for brownfield locations, for gypsy pitches and, separately, travelling showpeople's pitches which are suitably located and have appropriate access to schools and local facilities</li> </ul>		

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Policy 15: Health and Wellbeing	Policy seeks to ensure that development will not harm, and will contribute positively to, the health and well-being of local residents	<p>This DPD could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include policy which sets out the requirements for developers to carry out Health Impact Assessments.</li> <li>• Include policy to control hot food takeaways.</li> <li>• Set out policy to retain existing community facilities where necessary</li> <li>• Identify Improvement Areas where there is a particular need to address health and wellbeing</li> <li>• Set out policy to prevent unacceptable impacts from noise, air quality, light, contamination or hazardous installations</li> <li>• Protect sites and routes for healthy outdoor exercise and allocate more where possible, e.g. for open green spaces and allotments</li> </ul>	<p>Guidance will be required regarding who should be responsible for preparing a Health Impact Assessment (HIA), what it should include, and whom it should involve / include. As stated in previous consultation response: An HIA should “consider whether any socioeconomic or equalities groups will be particularly affected” and that includes: “Equalities groups such as race, gender, health, disability, sexual orientation, age, religion or belief” (Health Impact Assessment Tools, Department of Health, July 2010);</p> <p>and where an adverse impact or no improvement for that group is potentially provided, then further considerations should be required for improvement and or mitigation to the benefit of that group as appropriate to equality of opportunity.</p>	<p>Consider amendment to first bullet point as may be appropriate in response to DESUIF comments, such as:</p> <p>“Include policy which sets out the requirements <b>and guidelines</b> for developers to carry out Health Impact Assessments.”</p> <p>Such guidelines will need to address the issues of responsibility and equality discussed in the DESUIF Comments column opposite.</p>

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<p>Policy 16: Community Facilities and Services</p>	<p>Policy addresses need to maintain adequate provision of <b>community facilities and services</b>, including the need for new development to contribute towards this where extra demand is generated.</p>	<p><b>This DPD could:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Allocate specific sites or preferred locations for community facilities where there is a known need and opportunity</li> <li>▪ Set policy for contributions towards the provision of community facilities where required.</li> <li>▪ Include policies for the retention of existing, and provision of new, community facilities.</li> </ul>	<p>Local community groups may demonstrate little awareness of the holistic and diverse nature of their community and will need guidance on what “should” and what “may” be considered under the listing of “infrastructure” or “community facilities”. Such listing should aim to address current inequalities of provision and social inclusion in local communities as well as issues more readily recognised as issues more general to the community. Although facilities such as play areas, parks and green spaces, cultural and sports facilities, district heating schemes and police stations and other community safety may be more obvious to local communities, other needs also exist to which they are often less aware, such as the provision of Changing Places toilets, Shopmobility facilities, Inclusive Play and/or Special Needs Play facilities, road crossing Improvements, drop kerbs, and other improvements to highways infrastructure for accessibility and inclusion. The sustainability of such improvements and facilities will also need to be addressed.</p>	<p>Suggest additional bullet points of:</p> <p>“Include policy for identification and redress of existing inequalities of provision, such as by removal of barriers to accessibility and social inclusion, and/or development of new facilities and services to address currently unmet needs of specific groups in the community.”</p> <p>“Ensure Equality Impact Assessments exist for all such developments and are robust; supported by appropriate and proportionate consultation with relevant equality representatives.”</p>

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<p>Policy 17: Promoting Good Place Making</p>	<p>Policy sets out that development should be of <b>high-quality, innovative and sustainable design</b> and should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respond to local characteristics</li> <li>• Take advantage of views and vistas</li> <li>• Safeguard the River Tyne</li> <li>• Protect, sustain and enhance heritage assets</li> <li>• Promote the use of the historic environment and public art</li> <li>• Incorporate climate change mitigation and adaptation.</li> </ul>	<p><b>This DPD could</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include policy that sets out the requirements for development to be designed to set standards.</li> <li>• Include policy for development that may make use of, affect or enhance the River Tyne, heritage assets, high-quality landscapes and views and vistas across the Borough.</li> <li>• Include policies specific to major heritage assets such as Ravensworth Castle, Gibside, Axwell Park and the Newburn Ford battlefield site</li> <li>• Identify and protect areas of special character</li> <li>• Set the policy framework within which the Urban Design Supplementary Planning Document will operate</li> <li>• Include policy on the incorporation of Public Art in developments</li> <li>• Seek to protect existing levels of residential amenity to ensure this is provided in new developments</li> <li>• Include policy to deal with derelict land</li> </ul>	<p>Reference to “high-quality, innovative and sustainable design” should also include reference to the need for “inclusive design”</p>	<p><b>Amend main Policy 17 Statement</b> (i.e. supported by appropriate amendment in the OCS overarching document) to read:</p> <p>“Policy sets out that development should be of high-quality, innovative, <b>inclusive</b> and sustainable design and should...”</p> <p>Suggest additional bullet points for DPD of: “Include policies to ensure as far as practicable, all developments encourage and/or at the very least support social inclusion.”</p> <p>“Ensure Equality Impact Assessments exist for all such developments and are robust; supported by appropriate and proportionate consultation with relevant equality representatives”.</p>

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Policy 18: Climate Change	Policy sets out that developments must address the impact of climate change, reduce any potential contribution they may make to its cause, and look to utilise decentralised and/or renewable energy sources.	This DPD could: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set out policy to identify how and to what extent developments must go about addressing the impact of climate change</li> <li>• Set out criteria for considering proposals for renewable energy generation facilities and perhaps allocate sites with the potential for this</li> </ul>		

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<p>Policy 19: Green Infrastructure and Natural Environment</p>	<p>Policy seeks to protect, maintain and enhance the quality of the natural environment, including the river Tyne and its banks, and the integrity and connectivity of the green infrastructure network.</p>	<p><b>This DPD could</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set policies to protect the natural environment, countryside, trees and green infrastructure from damaging development and how green infrastructure can be used to offset and mitigate climate change</li> <li>• Designate and protect natural sites</li> <li>• Require that contributions should be made to maintain and enhance the natural environment and green infrastructure</li> <li>• Include policies to protect the River Tyne and its banks and tributaries, <b>providing access without compromising the quality of these resources.</b></li> <li>• Indicate where future potential improvements to the green infrastructure network require sites or routes to be safeguarded</li> </ul>	<p>Explanatory Note:  “Least Restrictive Access” is an approach based on providing the highest standards of accessibility possible given the constraints of topography, funding, land ownership, and potential for sustainability including future maintenance. Such an approach can be based on planned developments and improvements either as a whole, in stages, or through ad hoc maintenance; with the aim of achieving measurable improvements towards the best practical standards possible for inclusive access. Further guidance is available in “By all reasonable means: Inclusive access to the outdoors for disabled people”, The Countryside Agency, October 2005.  Examples of this approach include: the development of an “easier access route” at Watergate Forest Park, Gateshead; and “countryside mobility improvements” to routes within the Derwent Walk and Derwenthaugh Country Park.</p>	<p>Suggest additional bullet point of: “Set policies to encourage and/or support the development of inclusive access to the natural environment, countryside, and green infrastructure, based on the highest standards of accessibility and ‘least restrictive access’.”</p> <p>Suggest amendment to 4<sup>th</sup> bullet point, to identify intentions for social inclusion as far as practicable, as follows:  “Include policies to protect the River Tyne and its banks and tributaries, providing “least restrictive access” without compromising the quality of these resources”</p>

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Policy 20: Open Space, Sports and Recreation	Policy seeks to protect public and private open space, and sport and recreation sites and facilities. This includes enhancing access to open space, preventing adverse impacts or an undersupply arising as a result of new development.	<p>This DPD could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set standards of provision for a range of outdoor recreational sites</li> <li>• Designate and protect outdoor recreational sites</li> <li>• Allocate additional sites</li> <li>• Set policy to require inclusion of such spaces in new development, and/or contributions from developers as appropriate and required</li> </ul>	Need to identify requirements for inclusive provision.	Suggest amendment to bullet point, to identify intentions for social inclusion as far as practicable: “Set policies and identify standards for provision of inclusive outdoor areas with opportunities for sport, recreation and/or leisure.”
Policy 21: Flood Risk and Water Management	Policy sets out that development must be resilient to flood risk taking account of the impact of climate change over its lifetime, in accordance with the findings of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.	<p>This DPD could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set out criteria and area based policy for the requirement for development to incorporate sustainable drainage systems (SuDS), green infrastructure/flood storage, surface water management, water infrastructure and other flood mitigating measures</li> <li>• Safeguard land for current and future flood management.</li> </ul>		



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Policy 22: Minerals	Policy promotes the safeguarding of mineral resources to meet current and future supply needs, and includes criteria for prior extraction of minerals where non-mineral development is proposed.	This DPD could: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designate existing operational sites, and safeguarded sites where known.</li> <li>• Consider need for locally specific policy/criteria</li> <li>• Set out a policy relating to aftercare, afteruse and reclamation</li> <li>• Identify areas where mineral working will be unacceptable</li> </ul>		
Policy 23: Waste	Policy promotes the use of sustainable waste management principles, and includes locational and other criteria. Proposals resulting in a loss of waste use will need to show that it is no longer needed.	This DPD could: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designate existing sites and facilities</li> <li>• Consider the need for local and more detailed criteria</li> </ul>		Ensure Equality Impact Assessments exist for all such facilities / proposals and are robust; supported by appropriate and proportionate consultation with relevant equality representatives.  Ensure facilities for public access to disposal and/or recycling are provided on an accessible and inclusive basis, including consideration of location, availability and other criteria.

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<p>Policy 24: Promoting Alternative Travel Choice</p>	<p>Policy promotes development in accessible locations, priority for sustainable travel choices such as opportunities for walking, cycling and a high quality public transport network, including park and ride provision and bus improvement corridors. Also promotes the management of car parking supply to manage travel demand.</p>	<p><b>This DPD could:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider the existing transport infrastructure and allocate areas for improvement, including highways, pedestrian and cycle routes, bridges, public transport hubs and park and ride.</li> <li>Set out policy for contributions from new development to be made to infrastructure where necessary and appropriate.</li> </ul>	<p>Policy needs to promote alternative travel choices that demonstrate opportunities for currently disadvantaged groups within the community, including disabled and older persons.</p>	<p>Suggest additional bullet points of:</p> <p>“Ensure policies give consideration to the hierarchy of users and needs of those most vulnerable, and minimise potential for conflict between pedestrians, cyclists and other road users, as advised in best practice, i.e. DfT Guidance LTN1/04 and LTN 2/04”</p> <p>“Ensure parking management policies recognise the need to avoid adverse impact on disabled people who can be reliant on private vehicle transport for their mobility.”</p> <p>“Ensure the introduction of new technologies to support sustainable travel options are designed/employed to be inclusive for all from the outset, and do not defer to minimum standards dictated by industry/suppliers.”</p> <p>“Ensure policies and contracts for alternative travel options are adequately flexible to enable provision of suitable transport for those who are otherwise excluded or restricted from the availability of scheduled public transport services.”</p>

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Policy 25: Transport Networks	Policy focuses on improving our transport network, including reducing through traffic in the Urban Core, the need for additional capacity at pressure points on the A1, support and enhancement of our travel and freight movement gateways and in the longer term, proposals for re-opening heavy rail lines and expanding the Metro system.	<p>This DPD could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include criteria for assessing the impact of development proposals, and for targeting required infrastructure improvements</li> <li>• Designate key routes, gateways and safeguarded infrastructure, and locations for specific network improvements</li> </ul>		
Policy 26: Transport Impacts from Development	Policy includes need for developers to implement travel plans to minimise car trips; to give priority to sustainable travel options; to design residential development to include 20mph limits where appropriate; to improve air quality; and financially contribute to sustainable transport measures and address impacts on the network.	<p><b>This DPD could:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include criteria to ensure that the transport impacts of development are acceptable</li> <li>• Address provision to be made for cycling and car parking in new developments</li> </ul>	<p>As per comments above under Policy 24. It is also important to ensure development proposals are tested for a positive impact on the community including the various/any socio-economic or equalities groups that may be particularly affected. As advised in earlier OCS consultation: Specific reference should be made to improving the infrastructure and opportunities for access to transport and the physical environment to meet the needs of currently disadvantaged groups within the community, including disabled and older persons.</p>	<p>Suggest addition of the following bullet point:</p> <p>“Include criteria to ensure developments support improvements to infrastructure and opportunities for access to transport and the physical environment to meet the needs of currently disadvantaged groups within the community, including disabled and older persons.”</p>

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<p>Policy 27: Infrastructure and Developer Contributions</p>	<p>Establishes that regard should be had towards the <b>Infrastructure Delivery Plan</b>, which will ensure that new and existing development will be adequately served by physical, social and environmental infrastructure.</p>	<p><b>This DPD will:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allocate sites having regard to the Infrastructure Delivery Plan</li> <li>• Ensure that all developments are served by appropriate infrastructure</li> <li>• Include policies to secure appropriate contributions from developers</li> </ul>	<p>“Infrastructure Delivery Plans” must respond to local community needs, such as through use of the “Community Infrastructure Levy” (CIL), based on needs identified by the community and disadvantaged groups.</p> <p>Community infrastructure should include facilities such as play areas, parks and green spaces, cultural and sports facilities, district heating schemes, police stations and other community safety needs, as well as provisions to support social and cultural inclusion, including: provision of Changing Places toilets, Shopmobility facilities, Inclusive Play and/or Special Needs Play facilities, road crossing Improvements, drop kerbs, and other improvements to highways infrastructure for accessibility and inclusion. The sustainability of such improvements and facilities will also need to be addressed.</p> <p>Note: Giving priority for improvements for accessibility and inclusion of disabled and older persons generally brings with it improvements for all, including families with children.</p>	<p>Suggest additional bullet points of:</p> <p>“Ensure infrastructure improvements benefit social inclusion and safety of the community giving priority to addressing existing barriers and inequalities of accessibility and inclusion, with priority for disabled and older persons.”</p>