

Darlington Local Plan (2016 - 2036)

Sustainability Appraisal Report Addendum

Main Modifications Screening & Appraisal

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1. Introduction

Background

- 1.1** Darlington Borough Council is currently preparing a new Local Plan (2016-2036) for the Borough which has been subject to a number of rounds of consultation and has now reached an advanced stage.
- 1.2** The Local Plan is currently being examined in public by an independent Planning Inspector and as a result of this process, informed by written and verbal representations, a number of main modifications are being proposed to the Local Plan to ensure it is compliant with the tests of soundness in national planning policy.

Purpose of SA Main Modifications Addendum

- 1.3** This Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Report Addendum has been prepared in order to take account of, and appraise, the proposed modifications to the Submission Local Plan (2016-2036). The Addendum presents the findings of the appraisal of the likely significant effects of the proposed modifications in order to update the 2020 Submission Local Plan SA Report (CD03) (as appropriate) and ensure that all the likely significant effects of the Local Plan (as proposed to be modified) have been identified, described and evaluated.
- 1.4** This report is to be treated as an 'Addendum' and should be read in conjunction with the Proposed Submission Local Plan SA Report (CD03) published in August 2020 setting out where any further assessment is required of the proposed main modifications to the Local Plan (2016-2036) policies. This SA Report Addendum is structured as follows:
- Section 2: Sustainability Appraisal Approach & Scope
 - Section 3: Screening of Proposed Main Modifications
 - Section 4: Conclusions & Next Steps

2. Sustainability Appraisal Approach & Scope

2.1 Under Section 19(5) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the Council is required to carry out a SA of the Local Plan to help guide the selection and development of policies and proposals in terms of their potential social, environmental and economic effects. In undertaking this requirement, local planning authorities must also incorporate the requirements of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (Statutory Instrument 2004 No. 1633) also known as the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) regulations. These regulations transposed the European Union Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment.

2.2 The purpose of the Sustainability Appraisal is to:

- find out how the Local Plan will contribute to achieving sustainable development;
- identify how the Local Plan is likely to affect baseline information and its trends;
- work out if the Local Plan policies and proposals are the most appropriate given the reasonable alternatives.

2.3 The output of the comprehensive Sustainability Appraisal process completed by the Council was a Sustainability Appraisal Report of the Proposed Submission Local Plan (CD03) that formed part of the Council's submission to the Planning Inspectorate for examination. This report set out and evaluated the likely environmental, social and economic effects of implementing the proposed Local Plan policies and site allocations and their reasonable alternatives.

2.4 As a number of main modifications are now being proposed to be made to the submission Local Plan policies the Council needs to review these and determine if further evaluation of their likely environmental, social and economic effects is required.

2.5 Should further evaluation be required the modified policies will be appraised against the sustainability framework which comprises of the following 16 objectives using the decision-making criteria established through SA scoping process and set out in the Proposed Submission Sustainability Appraisal (CD03). It has not been necessary to update or revise the SA framework for the purposes of this appraisal.

1. Provide a mixture of affordable, well designed and sustainably located new housing, and improve the standard of existing housing, especially to provide for young people, families and older people.
2. Develop vibrant and cohesive communities.
3. Improve the health and wellbeing of all, reduce health inequalities and promote healthier lifestyles.
4. Provide education and training opportunities to improve the skills and employment prospects of the resident population.
5. Improve the safety and security of people and property.
6. Achieve sustainable levels of economic growth and increase employment levels and access to sustainable and high quality employment opportunities.
7. Encourage sustainable travel. Provide development which reduces reliance on private vehicles, maximising access to public transport and active travel modes.
8. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase the Borough's resilience to climate change.
9. Make the most efficient use of land and resources.
10. Minimise levels of noise, vibration, odour and light pollution.
11. Avoid and reduce flood risk from all sources including fluvial, surface water and sewer flooding.
12. Protect and enhance air and water quality and make efficient use of water.
13. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.
14. Protect and enhance green infrastructure of all types.
15. Protect and enhance the character and quality of Darlington's landscape.
16. Conserve and enhance Darlington's distinctive and valuable historic environment.

3 Screening of Proposed Main Modifications

- 3.1** A number of Main Modifications are proposed to the submitted Local Plan (2016-2036) as a result of the examination hearing sessions and representations received. It is necessary to screen the modifications to determine if they significantly affect previous SA findings and if further appraisal work is therefore required.
- 3.2** There is no specific national policy or guidance regarding determining the significance of any proposed main modifications to a Local Plan, so all of the proposed main modifications have been screened using professional judgement to determine if further appraisal and evaluation was required or not. This included reviewing in detail the original appraisal findings and reasonable alternatives proposed for the relevant policy.

Method

- 3.3** Proposed modifications were considered 'not significant' if they were:
- Factual updates/corrections;
 - Refining detailed policy requirements which do not affect the direct policy option description originally appraised; and,
 - Amendments to the supporting justification sections which are not specific policy requirements.
- 3.4** Proposed modifications were considered 'significant' if they were:
- New policy and/or requirement;
 - Policy or policy requirement deletion; and;
 - Policy amendment which directly affects or alters policy option originally appraised.

Assessment

- 3.5** The findings of the screening including the rationale for the outcome reached in relation to each individual main modification can be found at Appendix A.

Summary

- 3.6** In summary all proposed main modifications were screened out from requiring further appraisal and evaluation. Most of the proposed main modifications involve minor edits to the Plan text for clarification, factual correction, to enhance readability or other reasons and have therefore been screened out as not being significant in terms of the SA, i.e. they would be inherently unlikely to give rise to significant effects.

- 3.7** None of the proposed main modifications are additional policies or requirements of significance and no policies or requirements of significance are proposed for deletion. Whilst amendments are proposed including to the specific housing mix and affordable housing requirements these do not directly affect the broader policy options that were originally appraised which didn't appraise varying levels of requirements but the principal of having a locally tailored approach which the proposed modifications would continue to provide.
- 3.8** Therefore no further appraisal or evaluation is necessary.

4. Conclusions & Next Steps

- 4.1** This addendum to the SA report has presented the findings of the SA of the proposed main modifications to the Darlington Local Plan (2016-2036). The screening stage has demonstrated that none of the main modifications proposed are of 'significance' or impact on the previous conclusions of the SA and therefore no further appraisal or evaluation of the modifications is necessary.
- 4.2** This SA addendum report will be published for consultation alongside the proposed main modifications for the Local Plan.

Appendix A: Sustainability Appraisal screening of main modifications to Darlington Local Plan 2016-2036

Mod Ref	Policy/Para/ Figure	Modification	Reason	Significant for Sustainability Appraisal?
MM1	Local Plan	Amend any cross-referenced housing figures in the plan to reflect the updated housing trajectory set out in DBC6.2.	To ensure the plan is effective and housing figures are consistent through the document	Not Significant – provides clarity and consistency.
MM2	Para 1.01 & 1.02	<p>This document contains policies and proposals for using and developing land throughout the Borough of Darlington. When finalised and adopted it will <u>This Local Plan</u> replaces the Darlington Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy (May 2011) and the saved policies of the Borough of Darlington Local Plan (1997, including adopted alterations 2001), and will <u>provides</u> an up to date statutory development plan for the Borough. <u>Appendix F sets out the specific local planning policies that have been superseded.</u></p> <p>All applications for development must, by law, be determined in accordance with the statutory development plan, unless there are material considerations that indicate otherwise. Figure 1.1 shows the documents that will <u>make up</u> the statutory development plan for Darlington when this document is adopted.</p>	To ensure consistency with the Local Plan Regulations and specifically Regulation 8(5).	Not Significant – provides clarity on procedural matters.
MM3	Figure 1.1	Remove reference within diagram to the Core Strategy Development Plan Document and the Saved Policies in the Darlington Local Plan and to refer to the draft Local Plan as the adopted Local Plan.	To ensure consistency with the Local Plan Regulations and specifically Regulation 8(5).	Not Significant – provides clarity on procedural matters.

MM4	Figure 1.2	This diagram will be updated to replace 'this document' reference and no longer refer to the last 4 stages as future stages and update dates when each stage took place where necessary	To ensure the Plan is effective and legally compliant.	Not Significant – provides clarity on procedural matters.
MM5	Para's 1.0.4 – 1.0.13	<p>Proposed Submission Local Plan (Regulation 19)</p> <p>1.0.4 The next phase of plan preparation is the publication of the Proposed Submission Local Plan for a statutory six-week period to allow comments and representations under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 to be received prior to submission for independent examination.</p> <p>1.0.5 A Policies Map accompanies this document. It shows, on an OS base map, where each site allocation is, and where each policy or proposal applies. The Policies Map can be accessed online via www.darlington.gov.uk/localplan.</p> <p>1.0.6 This allows local communities, businesses and other interested stakeholders the opportunity to comment on the policy content on the Council's final version of the draft Local Plan, within a specific remit. The remit of representations under this public consultation is limited and relates to the 'Tests of Soundness' and also includes legal compliance, as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework. The Proposed Submission Local Plan has been refined and amended following feedback received at each of the several consultation stages during its preparation (Figure 1.2).</p>	To ensure the plan is effective, consistent with national policy and legally compliant.	Not Significant – Removes text no longer required regarding the plan submission.

		<p>1.0.7 Once the Regulation 19 representation period is complete, the Proposed Submission Local Plan and a Schedule of any Proposed Modifications based on comments received is then submitted to the Secretary of State for the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government. They will then appoint an independent Planning Inspector from the Planning Inspectorate to undertake a 'public examination' of the Local Plan.</p> <p>1.0.8 During the examination process, the Planning Inspector will use the National Planning Policy Framework and the comments and representations submitted during the Regulation 19 consultation to determine whether a Local Plan is sound and legally compliant.</p> <p>1.0.9 The Inspector, in examining the plan and taking account of representations made, may conclude that modifications are required to make it sound and capable of adoption. It is proposed that the Director of Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Portfolio holder for Economy and Regeneration, be the delegated authority to recommend to the Inspector such modifications to the draft Local Plan submission documents as may be necessary to satisfy the requirements as to its soundness.</p> <p>1.0.10 The independent examination of the Local Plan will test the soundness of the Plan. The examination will take the form of an informal hearing led by a Government appointed Inspector who will identify the main matters and issues</p>		
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		<p>requiring discussion. On completion of the hearing sessions the Inspector will consider all representations received in the publication stage and in the discussions held during the hearing in preparing their report on the soundness of the Plan.</p> <p>1.0.11 The elements of the test of soundness are set out in the government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Positively prepared — the plan should be based on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements, and be consistent with achieving sustainable development.• Justified — the most appropriate strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives, based on proportionate evidence.• Effective — the plan should be deliverable over its period and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic priorities.• Consistent with national policy — the plan should enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the NPPF. <p>1.0.12 Representations can be submitted in a number of ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• On line at https://darlington-consult.objective.co.uk/portal		
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By email to planning.policy@darlington.gov.uk • By post/response form to Town Hall, Darlington, DL1 5QT. <p>1.0.13 A sustainability appraisal has also been prepared to support the Local Plan. This is available on-line at https://darlington-consult.objective.co.uk/portal and on request by telephoning or emailing the planning policy team. Background evidence is available on the Local Plan website www.darlington.gov.uk/localplan.</p>		
MM6	Para 1.7.2	<p>The Local Plan 2016-36 recognises the contribution that housebuilding makes to the local economy. Land is allocated for approximately 6,700 <u>5,764</u> homes with an additional 4,300 <u>5,440</u> (approx.) already committed via existing planning permissions or completed over the first three <u>five</u> years of the plan period. A range of previously developed land and greenfield sites provide choice both within and on the edge of the urban area and at the large service villages.</p>	To ensure the plan is effective and housing figures are consistent through the document.	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency on housing figures within the plan.
MM7	Para 1.7.3	<p>Our ambition is to achieve 7000 net jobs between 2016-2036* requires suitable locations to grow the economy which are identified through the Local Plan 2016- 2036.</p> <p><u>Footnote: Based on net jobs from 56,000 jobs in Darlington Borough (Source : NOMIS – Official Labour Market Statistics from Office of National Statistics) in 2016 to 63,000 jobs by 2036.</u></p>	To ensure the plan is effective by clarifying that the jobs target is a net figure and confirming the number of jobs which existed in 2016.	Not significant – provides clarity.

MM8	Aim 2	Meeting Housing Needs – enable the development of at least 10,000 <u>9,840</u> new homes....	To ensure the plan is effective by aiming to deliver the housing requirement proposed in Policy H1 rather than a rounded figure of 10,000 homes.	Not significant – provides clarity on housing requirement.
MM9	Aim 6	...Support the <u>national commitment for net zero carbon and greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 through the</u> continued move towards a <u>low net zero</u> carbon community by encouraging efficient use of resources, good design and well-located development, whilst increasing resilience to impacts from climate change.	To ensure the plan is consistent with paragraphs 152 and 153 of the NPPF (2021) and specifically the updated objectives and provisions of the Climate Change Act (2008 as amended) referred to in footnote 53. This requires Local Plans to contribute towards the achievement of the national target.	Not significant – primarily to reflect updated Act. The SA does not specifically assess the Aims of the plan so this modification does not impact the conclusions.
MM10	Policy SD1	<p>A positive approach to considering development proposals will be taken that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the National Planning Policy Framework. Where appropriate, the Council will work proactively with applicants to find solutions which mean that proposals can be approved wherever possible, and to secure development that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions in the Darlington Borough.</p> <p>Planning applications that accord with the policies in the Darlington Local Plan (including, where relevant, with policies in neighbourhood plans) will be approved without delay, unless material</p>	To ensure the policy is consistent with national policy and also provides a clear definition of the development plan.	Not significant – provides consistency with national policy.

		<p>considerations indicate otherwise. Proposed development that conflicts with the development plan will be refused, unless other material considerations indicate otherwise.</p> <p>Where there are no policies relevant to the application or relevant policies are out of date at a time of making the decision then permission will be granted unless material considerations indicate otherwise — taking into account whether:</p> <p><u>Planning applications that accord with policies in the development plan* will be approved without delay. Where there are no relevant development plan policies, or the policies which are most important for determining the application are out-of-date, the Council will grant planning permission unless, the application of policies in the National Planning Policy Framework that protect areas or assets of particular importance provides a clear reason for refusing the development proposed, or any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in this Framework taken as a whole.</u></p> <p>i. — any adverse impacts of granting permission would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework taken as a whole, or</p>		
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		<p>ii. specific policies in that Framework indicate that development should be restricted.</p> <p>This policy will be implemented and monitored by making and reviewing decisions on planning applications.</p> <p><u>* the Darlington Borough development plan consists of the Local Plan, Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD), Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste Policies and Sites DPD and made neighbourhood plans.</u></p>		
MM11	Policy DC1 – policy wording - paragraph 1	All development will be required to follow <u>have regard to</u> the design principles of <u>in</u> the Darlington Design of New Development SPD <u>and National Design Guide (or successors)</u> by demonstrating that:	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with national policy regarding the role and weight of SPDs.	Not significant – minor wording amendment to ensure consistency with national policy.
MM12	Policy DC 1 – Policy wording - Part c	change the word ‘encouraged’ for <u>‘supported’</u>	To provide greater effectiveness in implementing the council’s climate change strategy.	Not significant – minor wording amendment to improve effectiveness of policy.
MM13	Policy DC1 – paragraph 5.1.1	<u>... Development proposals should have regard to the principles in the National Design Guide and Darlington Design of New Development SPD in considering design. The Darlington Design of New Development SPD is to be updated in early 2022 to reflect latest national standards until such</u>	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with national policy regarding the role and weight of SPDs.	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency with national policy.

		<u>time latest national guidance should take precedence.</u>		
MM14	Policy DC1 - Para 5.1.8	Minimising the impact of and increasing resilience to the effects of climate change is an objective of the Local Plan <u>in order to contribute towards the achievement of the national commitment of net zero carbon and greenhouse gas emissions (100% reduction relative to 1990 levels) by 2050.</u>	To ensure the plan is consistent with paragraphs 152 and 153 of the NPPF (2021) and specifically the updated objectives and provisions of the Climate Change Act (2008 as amended) referred to in footnote 53. This requires Local Plans to contribute towards the achievement of the national target.	Not significant – modification to ensure consistency with national policy.
MM15	Policy DC2 – part f	SuDS accord with <u>have regard to</u> the Tees Valley Authorities Local Standards for Sustainable Drainage (2015) and national standards	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with national policy regarding the role and weight of SPDs.	Not significant – minor wording amendment to ensure consistency with national policy.
MM16	Policy DC 2 – policy wording – para 8	Major developments (development of 10 or more dwellings and other developments with a floor space of 1,000m2 or more) will be required to submit a drainage scheme to show the site drainage can be adequately dealt with. The proposed drainage scheme will be required to incorporate SuDS unless it can be demonstrated that it would be inappropriate. Developers will be required to submit drainage details for consideration by the Council, in consultation with the Environment Agency and Northumbrian Water Ltd, to ensure adequate management of foul and surface water flows. Major developments (development of 10 or more dwellings and other	Suggested alterations by Northumbrian Water (Developer Services) to ensure smaller scale development proposals are acceptable in terms of surface water and foul water flows. This modification is proposed for effectiveness as the original wording only captured major schemes.	Not significant – technical clarification.

		<u>developments with a floor space of 1,000² or more) will be required to incorporate SuDS unless it can be demonstrated that it would be inappropriate.</u>		
MM17	Policy DC3 (g) and footnote 10	Require, in the case of development of 400 150 or more homes and all other <u>non-residential</u> 'major' development, the submission of a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) (10) as part of the application to explain how health considerations have informed the design. <u>Assessments should be proportionate to the scale of development proposed and undertaken in line with current government guidance.</u> ⁽¹⁰⁾	To ensure that the policy is effective by clarifying that health impact assessments should be proportionate to the nature and scale of development, and to amend the threshold to 150 dwellings.	Not significant – SA mentions HIA as one way of considering impact. An increase in threshold does not impact the options considered.
MM18	Policy DC 3 – footnote 10	Public Health England have produced some new guidance on HIA's in Planning: To be undertaken in line with Department of Health and Social Care Public Health England, Health Impact Assessment in spatial planning , <u>October 2020 (or subsequent replacement)</u> https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/929230/HIA_in_Planning_Guide_Sept2020.pdf	To ensure the policy is effective by referring to the most recent guidance available	Not significant – providing link to most up to date and relevant guidance.
MM19	Policy DC 4 - policy wording – para 2	Delete sentence ' Proposals which would result in excessive movements of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) on residential roads. '	To ensure Policy DC 4 is effective by removing and area of ambiguity.	Not significant – Option C of the SA for this policy considered restricting HGV movements in a standalone policy but this was not the preferred option as it was

				acknowledged there could be economic disbenefits. It's removal would not impact the other amenity considerations.
MM20	Policy DC5 – policy wording	The Borough Council will encourage all local employers to participate in skills and employment training initiatives to increase access to employment for those who live within the area. Where development proposals would generate a significant number of construction and operational phase jobs, the Borough Council will seek to enter into a S106 Agreement to secure appropriate commitments and targets for employment skills and training, including apprenticeships appropriate to the development proposed.	To ensure that it is sound with regard to the expectations of developers relating to the provision of employment skills and training initiatives.	Not significant – provides clarity on the approach to seeking employment skills and training initiatives.
MM21	Policy DC5 - Paragraph 5.5.3	A key element of achieving this will be through continued working with the Borough Council and other partners to promote utilisation of jobs, skills and employment training, and where appropriate using the planning system <u>undertaking negotiations through the planning application process to secure targets and commitments via agreement</u> in relation to associated job and training opportunities, both for construction-related employment and training that will increase access to employment.	To ensure that it is sound with regard to the expectations of developers relating to the provision of employment skills and training initiatives.	Not significant – provides clarity on the approach to seeking employment skills and training initiatives.
MM22	Housing Chapter - Paragraph 6.0.2	Amend paragraph to read: The NPPF also requires Local Planning Authorities to identify and update annually a five-year supply of deliverable housing sites against their housing requirement set out in adopted	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with national policy	Not significant – ensures consistency with national policy.

		<p>strategic policies or against their local housing need where the strategic policies are more than five years old. The supply of specific deliverable sites should in addition include a buffer of <u>5%</u> (moved forward from later in the plan period). This buffer should be 5% where a local planning authority wishes to demonstrate a five year supply of deliverable sites through a recently adopted plan, to account for any fluctuations in the market during that year.</p>												
MM23	Policy H 1 – policy wording	<p>Add text below to the final paragraph of policy H 1</p> <p>The NPPF states that strategic policies should also set out a housing requirement for designated neighbourhood areas which reflects the overall strategy for the pattern and scale of development and any relevant allocations. The table below outlines the <u>minimum</u> housing requirement for the neighbourhood areas in the Borough, following the above approach.</p>	To ensure the policy is effective and clarify that the requirements are a minimum and not restrictive maximum figures.	Not significant – provides clarity on neighbourhood area housing requirements.										
MM24	Policy H 1 – table 6.1	<p>Amend neighbourhood area housing requirements as set out below:</p> <p>Table 6.1 Neighbourhood Area Housing Requirements</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Low Coniscliffe & Merrybent</td> <td>1520<u>962</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Blackwell</td> <td>045</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hurworth</td> <td>625<u>816</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Middleton St George</td> <td>260<u>860</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sadberge</td> <td>071</td> </tr> </table>	Low Coniscliffe & Merrybent	1520 <u>962</u>	Blackwell	045	Hurworth	625 <u>816</u>	Middleton St George	260 <u>860</u>	Sadberge	071	To include commitments within the requirement figures for completeness, to reflect the update to the housing trajectory set out in DBC6.2 and to ensure the policy is effective.	Not significant – provides clarity on neighbourhood area housing requirements.
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<p>MM25</p>	<p>Policy H1</p>	<p>A main modification to policy H1 is set out below which expresses the housing requirement as a single minimum net figure for the period 2016 to 2036. Paragraph 2 also deleted and alterations to second last paragraph. Modifications set out above in the schedule are also included.</p> <p>Policy H1 Housing Requirement (Strategic Policy)</p> <p>Housing will be delivered to meet a minimum requirement of <u>422492</u> net additional dwellings per annum over the plan period from 2016 to 2036. This results in a total net minimum requirement of <u>8,4409,840</u> dwellings.</p> <p>The minimum requirement will be met through: completions already achieved since April 2016, sites with planning permission (commitments), housing land allocations and mixed use allocations set out in Policy H 2.</p> <p>The Local Planning Authority also has a Local Plan housing target of 492 net additional dwellings per annum over the plan period from 2016 to 2036. This results in a total net target of 9,840 dwellings over the plan period. The housing target makes an allowance for economic growth and 7,000 full time equivalent additional jobs over the plan period. The increased housing target reflects the additional new homes required to meet the need of additional workers. The housing target will also be met by the sites outlined above.</p> <p>The above approach has been taken to provide a housing requirement range rather than a single</p>	<p>To ensure the policy is justified and effective.</p>	<p>Not significant – provides clarity with regards to the housing requirement. The upper figure was assessed through the Sustainability Appraisal. The change to the policy does not impact the options considered. The alterations to the second last paragraph also provide clarity.</p>
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		<p>figure. The housing target is not a restrictive maximum figure.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the sites will be delivered in accordance with the housing trajectory in APPENDIX A which indicates that a continuous five year supply of housing will be maintained throughout the plan period. The trajectory is an approximation of delivery and does not place any phasing restrictions on the sites.</p> <p>At any point in the Local Plan period where there is no longer a demonstrable supply of sites to fully meet the five year land requirement, sustainable housing sites located beyond development limits, that would make both a positive contribution to the five year supply of housing land and be well related to the development limits <u>built form</u> of the main urban area or service villages (as defined in Policy SH 1) will be supported. Such proposals should comprise of sustainable development and be consistent with relevant national and Local Plan policies.</p> <p>The NPPF states that strategic policies should also set out a housing requirement for designated neighbourhood areas which reflects the overall strategy for the pattern and scale of development and any relevant allocations. The table below outlines the <u>minimum</u> housing requirement for the neighbourhood areas in the Borough, following the above approach.</p>		
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MM26	Policy H1 – paragraph 6.1.9	Further information and details on how the housing target requirement was derived can be found in the SHMA Update (2017). It is considered that the minimum housing requirement and target within Policy H 1 strikes a balance between realistic achievability and aspiration.	To ensure the reasoned justification is clear and justified.	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency on the housing requirement.										
MM27	Policy H1 - New paragraphs added after 6.1.9	<u>With regards to the neighbourhood area housing requirements, the Council has followed policy and guidance in the NPPF and NPPG in setting the figures. The requirements are based on the number of dwellings that are expected to be built on housing allocations and commitments in that neighbourhood area between 2021 and 2036. This approach follows the guidance in reflecting the plan’s spatial strategy and supporting evidence base (e.g. HELAA and SA). The neighbourhood planning body does not have to make specific provision for housing or seek to allocate sites to accommodate the requirement. The requirements are met through the allocations in policy H 2 and the housing commitments set out in table 6.4. If monitoring indicated that the committed and allocated sites were not delivering the number of homes set out in table 6.1, there</u>	To ensure the policy and reasoned justification is clear and effective in terms of the neighbourhood area housing requirements.	Not significant – provides clarity on the approach to neighbourhood area housing requirements and ensures the policy is effective.										

		<p><u>should not be an automatic expectation that development will be allowed on non-allocated sites within the neighbourhood area. Monitoring of housing completions is undertaken yearly and if such a situation was to occur it would be addressed through a review of the Local Plan.</u></p> <p><u>The scope of neighbourhood plans is up to the neighbourhood planning body. Groups are not required to plan for housing. If they wish to do so a neighbourhood plan can allocate additional sites to those in a local plan where this is supported by evidence to demonstrate need above that identified in the Local Plan. Consequently, it is important to note that the neighbourhood area housing requirements are not a restrictive maximum figure. Groups can plan for additional sites if they wish and other suitable windfall sites can be brought forward by developers. Early engagement with the Council is encouraged, where groups wish to exceed their housing requirement figures, to assess whether the scale of additional housing numbers is considered to be in general conformity with the strategic policies.</u></p>										
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MM29	Policy H2 – Paragraph 6.2.2	There is the need to allocate sufficient land to accommodate a minimum of 8,440 dwellings and a target of 9,840 dwellings within the plan period.	To ensure the supporting text is justified and effective.	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency with regards to the housing requirement.
MM30	Policy H2 - Paragraph 6.2.2	The allocations and existing commitments have the potential to deliver approximately 40,000 <u>8,883</u> homes up to 2036. The build out of a number of the strategic sites will also extend beyond 2036. Taking this into consideration the plan has sufficient land for approximately 46,000 <u>14,836</u> homes.	To ensure the plan is effective and housing figures are consistent through the document.	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency on housing figures throughout the plan.
MM31	Policy H2 - Para 6.2.3	Add to the end of the paragraph: <u>A small sites allowance of 25 dpa has been included within the housing supply and is set out within the housing trajectory (appendix A).</u>	For clarity and to ensure the plan is effective.	Not significant – provides clarity on the small sites allowance.
MM32	Policy H2 – Para 6.2.4	The housing requirement and housing target are <u>a 'net' figures</u> and must take into account any dwellings that are lost during that period through demolition or change of use.	To ensure the reasoned justification is clear and effective.	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency with regards to the housing requirement.
MM33	Policy H2 - Paragraph 6.2.5	Amendments to the reasoned justification for policy H2 to include the five year requirement and five year supply on 1 st April 2021. There is a requirement to continually monitor delivery and the supply of housing sites to ensure a rolling five year supply throughout the plan period. The Local Planning Authority will produce a housing position statement at the beginning of each financial year to set out the current five year housing land supply. <u>The five year requirement on 1 April 2021 based on the target of delivering</u>	To ensure the policy and reasoned justification are clear and effective.	Not significant – provides clarity on the five year requirement and supply.

		<p><u>9,840 net additional dwellings between 2016 and 2036 (492 dwellings per year) was 546 dwellings per annum which includes a 5% buffer. Table [insert figure] below sets out how the figure was arrived at.</u></p> <p><u>Table [insert] Five year requirement on 1st April 2021</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="584 496 1247 1166"> <tr> <td><u>Local Plan Housing Requirement</u></td> <td><u>9840 (492 dwellings p</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Requirement 2016/17 – 2020/21</u></td> <td><u>2,460 (492 x 5)</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Net Completions 2016/17 – 2020/21</u></td> <td><u>2,321</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Shortfall 2016/17 – 2020/21</u></td> <td><u>139 (2,460 – 2,321)</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Requirement 2021/22 – 2025/26</u></td> <td><u>2,599 (2,460 + 139)</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Requirement 2021/22 – 2025/26 plus 5% buffer</u></td> <td><u>2,729 (2,599 x 1.05)</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Annual requirement plus 5% buffer</u></td> <td><u>546</u></td> </tr> </table> <p><u>The five year housing land supply on 1st April 2021 was 2920 dwellings. Table [insert] below provides a break down of the categories of sites in the five year supply. At this point in time the</u></p>	<u>Local Plan Housing Requirement</u>	<u>9840 (492 dwellings p</u>	<u>Requirement 2016/17 – 2020/21</u>	<u>2,460 (492 x 5)</u>	<u>Net Completions 2016/17 – 2020/21</u>	<u>2,321</u>	<u>Shortfall 2016/17 – 2020/21</u>	<u>139 (2,460 – 2,321)</u>	<u>Requirement 2021/22 – 2025/26</u>	<u>2,599 (2,460 + 139)</u>	<u>Requirement 2021/22 – 2025/26 plus 5% buffer</u>	<u>2,729 (2,599 x 1.05)</u>	<u>Annual requirement plus 5% buffer</u>	<u>546</u>		
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A. <u>Sites of <10 dwellings with outline or full planning permission</u>	<u>0</u>
B. <u>Sites of 10 or more dwellings with detailed planning permission</u>	<u>910</u>
C. <u>Sites of 10 or more dwellings with outline planning permission</u>	<u>760</u>
D. <u>Sites with a grant of planning permission in principle</u>	<u>0</u>

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MM34	Policy H2 - Paragraph 6.2.6	<p>Amendments to paragraph set out below:</p> <p>In the above circumstance, proposals will not be required to accord with Policy H 7 Residential Development in the Countryside but will have to demonstrate that they will be deliverable in the short term, therefore contributing to the five year supply. The Local Planning Authority may reduce implementation or submission of reserved matters timescales to ensure delivery takes place within</p>	To ensure the policy is clear and effective.	Not significant – provides clarity.												

		<p>the five year period <u>and to ensure the site makes a positive contribution to the five year supply. It is important to note that small sites can make a positive contribution to the housing land supply.</u> If an application is granted under this situation and subsequently expires, it will not necessarily be renewed automatically if permission is sought again.</p>		
MM35	Policy H2 – table 6.3 Housing Allocations	Replace table 6.3 with an updated version which is set out below this table.	To reflect updates to the housing trajectory set out in DBC6.2. To ensure the plan is effective.	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency on housing figures throughout the plan.
MM36	Policy H2	References deleted to housing allocations being labelled as “strategic” in policy H2. Please see the table below. Other references to “strategic” sites also to be deleted as necessary to ensure a consistent approach (e.g. within policies H10, H11, E1, E2). The policies map and associated key are also to be updated accordingly.	To ensure the policy is clear and effective.	Not significant – provides clarity.
MM37	Policy H2 - Paragraph 6.2.11	<p>Amendments and additional text to the reasoned justification for policy H2 to include a summary of the overall housing supply expected in the plan period:</p> <p>The policy above indicates that the allocations are capable of accommodating around <u>6,709,764</u> homes in the Borough throughout the plan period. An additional 5,545 homes are anticipated to be</p>	To ensure the policy is clear and effective.	Not significant – provides clarity on the housing land supply and also consistency on housing figures.

		<p><u>delivered post 2036. The housing requirement will also be met by existing commitments (table 6.7), some of which are currently being built out, net completions since 1st April 2016 and a small sites allowance of 25 dwellings per annum. The table below provides a summary of the overall housing supply expected in the period 2016 to 2036, highlighting that the total supply ensures that the housing requirement will be met and exceeded. The figure of 3,119 homes on commitments is the total capacity of those sites based on the planning permissions as at 1st April 2021. Historically lapse rates in the Borough have been around 14% and if a similar lapse rate were applied to existing commitments this would reduce the overall supply summarised in table 6.6 by around 440 dwellings. It is important to note that extra capacity exists on a number of sites and they are assumed to be delivered after 2036. This includes site 68 West Park Garden Village a housing commitment and six of the housing allocations, which total 5,614 beyond 2036. Furthermore, no allowance is made for windfalls over one hectare, and the small site allowance of 25 dwellings per year is below the historic average of 37 dwellings per year on such sites.</u></p> <p><u>Table 6.6 Overall housing supply 2016 - 36</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="577 1225 1238 1377"> <tr> <td data-bbox="577 1225 990 1377"><u>Net Completions 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2021</u></td> <td data-bbox="990 1225 1238 1377"><u>2321</u></td> </tr> </table>	<u>Net Completions 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2021</u>	<u>2321</u>		
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MM38	Policy H2 - Paragraph 6.2.15	<p>Delete paragraph to avoid duplication with para 6.2.11:</p> <p>The allocations are in addition to the supply of dwellings from existing commitments, some of which are currently being built out. These sites are shown in the Table 6.4 below. It is important to note that the total number of dwellings set out in Policy H 2 above, up to 2036, is not the same as the housing target. This is because the policy does not include the commitments which already have planning permission, some of which are already being developed. These sites will also contribute to meeting the housing target and taken with the allocations will surpass the target of 9,840 dwellings. Some of the allocations and</p>	Ensures the policy is effective by removing duplication within the reasoned justification.	Not significant – presentational change avoids duplication within reasoned justification.								

		commitments are also likely to deliver dwellings beyond the plan period (post 2036).		
MM39	Policy H2 - Table 6.4 Housing Commitments	Replace table 6.4 with an updated version which is set out below this table.	To reflect updates to the housing trajectory set out in DBC6.2.	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency on housing figures throughout the plan.
MM40	Policy H4 – para 1	Proposals for housing development will be expected <u>encouraged</u> to provide an appropriate mix of housing types, sizes and tenures which <u>have regard to meet</u> local needs as identified within the most up to date Strategic Housing Market Assessment <u>or other relevant evidence</u> or by other evidence submitted in support of a planning application . A suitable housing mix should also give consideration to a site's location, physical constraints, <u>character</u> and surrounding context.	To ensure the policy is clear, effective and consistent with national policy regarding the role and weight of SPDs.	Not significant – minor wording modifications which provide clarity and ensure effectiveness and consistency with national policy.
MM41	Policy H4 – policy wording – part a	Alteration to policy: 80 <u>45</u> % of all new dwellings will meet category 2 requirements (accessible and adaptable dwellings).	To ensure Policy H 4 is justified by reflecting the most recent evidence in the Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2020.	Not significant – policy appraisal was not based on the specific percentage requirements but broader principles. Consequently, the modification would not alter the findings of the SA. The modification provides consistency with the latest evidence.
MM42	Policy H4 – additional	Additional text following para 6.4.5:	To ensure the policy is clearly justified.	Not significant – provides clarity on supporting evidence.

	text following para 6.4.5	<p>The evidence to support the percentage requirements for accessible and adaptable homes is set out in the SHMA 2020. Modelling work was undertaken in the assessment which utilised national and local data on housing, long term illness and disability, to estimate the number of households likely to require adaptations or needing to move to a more suitable home in the housing market area. The assessment indicated that at least 4,948 households will require adapted homes by 2036. This represents 54% of the overall housing need for Darlington between 2016 and 2036. More detailed analysis of the data also indicated that at least 790 wheelchair adapted homes will be required over the plan period which results in 9% of overall housing need for Darlington needing to be M4(3) standard. Subsequently this implies a need for 45% of all new homes to be M4(2) standard (54% minus 9%).</p>											
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		<p>Hummersknott, Hurworth, Mowden and Park West.</p>	<p>30%</p>	<p>65% affordable rent and 35% affordable home ownership</p>		
<p>MM44</p>	<p>Policy H 5</p>	<p>Delete part (a) and to amend part (d) to ensure such an approach would contribute to the objective of creating mixed and balanced communities.</p> <p>Policy H5 Affordable Housing</p> <p>Affordable housing will normally be provided on-site alongside market housing to create balanced communities. As such, the affordable housing should be distributed across sites in small clusters of dwellings. Exceptions to the requirement for on-site provision will be:</p> <p>a. Executive housing schemes;</p> <p><u>ba.</u> Schemes which involve the conversion of a building which is not able to physically accommodate units of the size and type of</p>	<p>To ensure the policy is consistent with the NPPF.</p>	<p>Not significant – provides consistency with national policy.</p>		

		<p>affordable housing which is required within that locality;</p> <p><u>eb.</u> Specialist accommodation where the management of the building(s) would make it difficult to provide affordable housing on-site (such as sheltered accommodation); and</p> <p><u>ec.</u> Any other circumstances where the Council considers off-site provision to be preferable to on-site provision; for example where a contribution would result in the delivery of more affordable homes off-site or in a more suitable location when compared to the policy requirement for on-site provision. <u>Such an approach would be required to contribute to the objective of creating mixed and balanced communities.</u></p>		
MM45	Policy H5 – para 6.5.2	<p>Darlington Borough does have a substantial need for affordable homes and detailed evidence is provided in <u>Part 1 of the SHMA (2015)(2020)</u>. The assessment provides an analysis of the social, economic, housing and demographic situation across the Borough and identifies a need of 460 <u>233</u> affordable dwellings per annum over the plan period, <u>a total of 4,646</u>. This would equate to approximately 33 <u>47.2%</u> of the overall housing target figure (492 dwellings per annum as outlined in Policy H 1). <u>The affordable need is broken down into 3,252 dwellings for households unable to afford (163 dwellings per annum) and 1,394 dwellings for households aspiring to homeownership (70 dwellings per annum)</u>. Given the level of affordable housing need identified, it is</p>	To ensure the policy and supporting text is justified and reflects most recent evidence in the SHMA 2020.	Not significant – provides consistency and clarity on most recent evidence base.

		important to maximise the amount of affordable housing that can be delivered through market housing led developments. Key to this is the economic viability of such developments.		
MM46	Policy H6 – Policy Wording	<p>Rural Exceptions <u>Exception Sites</u> (Strategic Policy)</p> <p><u>Rural Exception Sites</u></p> <p>Affordable housing schemes closely related to the identified development limits of the service villages and rural villages will be permitted providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Affordable housing need in the local area has been demonstrated; b. Local need cannot be met on sites within the settlement limits; c. The type and size of housing provided reflects identified local need; d. Arrangements exist to ensure the housing will remain affordable in perpetuity; and e. The site is well-related to the settlement and local services and does not conflict with other policies in the Local Plan. <p>In exceptional circumstances, a small proportion of market or self/custom build housing may be provided, if it can be demonstrated via a detailed viability assessment that a 100% affordable</p>	To ensure consistency with paragraph 72 of the NPPF (2021) regarding entry-level exception sites.	Not significant – provides consistency with national policy.

		<p>scheme would be unviable and the market homes would support delivery.</p> <p><u>Entry-Level Exception Sites</u></p> <p><u>Entry-Level affordable housing schemes closely related to the identified development limits of the Darlington urban area, services villages and rural villages will be permitted providing:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>It is demonstrated, through an up to date housing needs assessment, that the need for the housing proposed is not already being met in the Borough by existing commitments or policies and allocations in this Plan;</u> b. <u>It consists of one or more types of affordable housing types suitable for first time buyers and first time renters;</u> c. <u>The site is not already allocated for housing and is not larger than 1 hectare in size or is for more than 5% of the number of existing homes in the settlement.</u> d. <u>It does not conflict with other policies in the Local Plan</u> 		
MM47	Policy H6 – paras 6.6.1 and 6.6.2	<p><u>Rural Exception Sites</u></p> <p>6.6.1 The housing market can be stronger in rural areas with prices generally higher than similar properties in urban areas and suburbs. This can</p>	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with paragraph 72 of the NPPF (2021)	Not significant – provides consistency with national policy.

		<p>make it difficult for people who want to live close to their families in such areas or for those whose employment is based in the rural area. It can also result in younger people moving out of village areas subsequently resulting in an imbalance in the age structure of the rural population.</p> <p>6.6.2 In Part 1 of the SHMA (2015 2020) there is limited spatial evidence for the distribution of additional affordable housing needed. As such, there is no evidence of specific unmet needs for additional affordable housing in the service villages or any of the other villages / hamlets in the Borough. If it can be demonstrated by a local needs survey that there is a need for additional affordable homes in these areas, Policy H 6 allows for the provision of affordable dwellings on the edges of villages. The survey would normally be carried out by a parish council or Registered Provider and would have to satisfy the Borough Council. Where supported by a detailed viability assessment, a small proportion of market housing may be provided if it can be demonstrated that it is necessary to deliver the affordable dwellings.</p> <p><u>Entry-level Exception Sites</u></p> <p>6.6.3 <u>National policy requires the Council to support the development of entry-level exception sites. Such sites are expected to help meet the affordable housing needs of first time buyers, or those looking to rent their first home, where this need is not being provided for through existing or planned development. As such proposals for</u></p>		
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MM48	Policy H7 – policy wording – para 1	New Isolated Dwellings in the Countryside will be avoided. New permanent dwellings will only be permitted where they meet the criteria set in national policy (para 80, NPPF 2021). <u>Proposals for rural workers dwellings will need to demonstrate:</u>	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with national policy by re-locating supporting justification within Policy E4 to the relevant policy	Not significant – presentational change ensures effectiveness and consistency with national policy.

		<p>i. <u>an essential need to live permanently at or near their place of work in the countryside; and;</u></p> <p>ii. <u>provide evidence as to why the need for on-site accommodation cannot be dealt with by other means, such as CCTV surveillance, or met in another way through alternative accommodation in the existing local housing stock within a reasonable distance; and;</u></p> <p>iii. <u>the location of the proposed residential accommodation has been carefully considered to minimise visual impact on the countryside and any neighbouring land uses.</u></p>		
MM49	Policy H 7 – policy wording – para 2 and part h	<p>Paragraph 2 – The replacement of residential buildings in the open countryside will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances and providing;</p> <p>h. The proposed use does not detract from it's setting in the immediate and wider landscape;</p>	To ensure the policy is justified, effective and consistent with National Policy.	Not significant – provides clarity, effectiveness and consistency with national policy.
MM50	Policy H 8 – policy wording – part b – para 1	<p>The development of a rear residential garden for a new dwelling will not normally be permitted. Exceptionally, A limited scale of backland garden development may be acceptable providing it does not have a significant adverse impact upon the following:</p>	To ensure the policy is justified and effective.	Not significant – provides clarity and ensures effectiveness.

MM51	Policy H8 – final para.	All development proposals should also be compliant with <u>have regard to</u> the Design of New Development SPD (2011) or more recent version.	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with national policy in the way it refers to supporting SPDs.	Not significant – minor wording change to ensure effectiveness and consistency with national policy.
MM52	Policy H9 – part c	c. <u>The extension to existing Council sites at Honeypot Lane (8 anticipated pitches) and an extension to the Rowan West / East complex site (25 anticipated pitches) off Neasham Road, and;</u> e. d. Allowing new sites to provide accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers and/or Travelling Showpeople where:	To ensure the policy is effective in setting out how the identified need for gypsy and traveller accommodation is expected to be met.	Not significant – provides clarity on existing locations where extended provision can be accommodated.
MM53	Policy H9 – para 6.9.5	The most recent Gypsy and Traveller Site Needs Assessment (GTAA 2017) (20) came to the conclusion that Darlington Borough is well catered for in terms of supply for Gypsy and Traveller pitches. An annual need of 1 pitch per 5 years was identified from 2017-2022. The need could be met by extending Honeypot Lane by adding neighbouring unused allotment land to the south of the site.	To ensure the policy is effective in setting out how the identified need for gypsy and traveller accommodation is expected to be met.	Not significant – approach now clarified within policy. The modification does not impact the options considered in the SA as they related to broader principles.
MM54	Policy H10 – para 1	Skerningham – Strategic Site Allocation (Strategic Policy) An <u>strategic</u> allocation is identified on the North side of Darlington at Skerningham (Site Reference: 251) to secure the delivery of up to 4,500 dwellings. During the plan period to 2036 this site is expected to deliver approximately <u>1,650-4,800 dwellings of which 600 dwellings are to be delivered on land adjacent to the A167 and west of the East Coast Mainline on the eastern part of the allocation; and 1,050 dwellings to be</u>	To ensure the policy is justified and effective in relation to the location and phasing development on the proposed allocation site during the plan period and consistent with policy H2 by removing reference to strategic site.	Not significant – provides clarity on phasing of development and ensures quantity of development during plan period is consistent with that set out in Policy H2 which was previously appraised on that basis.

		<p><u>delivered on land to the east of the east coast mainline on the eastern part of the allocation with initial phases located on land adjoining Barmpton Lane.</u></p>		
MM55	Policy H10 – para 3	<p>A comprehensive masterplan <u>including an infrastructure phasing plan shall be prepared in consultation with the community prior to the submission of</u> must be submitted to accompany any planning application relating to this site, that informs the mix of uses, layout, scale, design, <u>provision of local and strategic infrastructure including social and community facilities</u> and phasing of the proposed development. The masterplan <u>shall be led by the applicant(s) and should be based on the design approach and principles established in the Council’s Design Code</u>, a strong understanding of the characteristics of the site and its surrounds <u>and incorporate the key principles for the development as set out in points a to j below.</u> and adopt the Healthy New Town approach to site design. To ensure that a cohesive development is delivered at Skerningham, the Council will only approve planning applications that adhere with the <u>comprehensive masterplan and the Council’s design code</u> and deliver the necessary local and strategic infrastructure <u>including social and community facilities at the appropriate phase of the development identified in the infrastructure phasing plan</u> to support the <u>coordinated provision of infrastructure and housing</u> development.</p>	<p>To ensure the policy is effective in setting out when and how the masterplan should be prepared, what it should contain, take account of and how it will be used in the decision-making process. Also to ensure the policy is effective in ensuring the coordinated provision of infrastructure with development and clear that infrastructure also includes social and community facilities.</p>	<p>Not significant – To provide greater clarity regarding the requirements relating to the comprehensive masterplan and the provision of infrastructure</p>

MM56	Policy H10 – part a	A mix of housing types, tenures and sizes, including <u>20% affordable housing</u> and self/custom build housing, informed by up-to-date evidence of the housing needs of the Borough and Policies H 4 and H 5, with higher densities being incorporated close to public transport routes and neighbourhood centres;	To ensure the policy is effective by making it clear what the affordable housing requirement is.	Not significant – to provide clarity and consistency
MM57	Policy H10 – part b	A centrally located and well connected neighbourhood centre providing local community facilities including a health hub <u>for GPs and Dentists</u> , clustered with other facilities and services to meet the day to day needs of residents, education, employment opportunities, and retail <u>and food and drink (excluding hot food takeaways)</u> facilities. These facilities should be of a scale and type proportionate to the nature of the development <u>and shall be delivered in accordance with the infrastructure phasing plan.</u> <u>Policies TC1, TC4 and TC5 will not apply to proposals in accordance with these requirements.</u>	To ensure the policy is effective in relation to the facilities required in the neighbourhood centre and to make clear the requirements of policies TC1 and TC5 will not apply for consistency with national policy.	Not significant – to provide clarity and consistency
MM58	Policy H10 – part c	Other local community facilities to serve residential areas as required, closely related to public transport, walking and cycling facilities, <u>and shall be delivered in accordance with the infrastructure phasing plan;</u>	To ensure the policy is effective regarding the coordinated provision of infrastructure with development.	Not significant – to provide clarity and consistency
MM59	Policy H10 – part d	Space for t Two primary schools, associated nursery provision (a total of 5.6 hectares) and a reserved space for a secondary school (5 hectares), <u>with the first primary school being delivered on land to the east of the East Coast Mainline before the occupation of the 450th dwelling on land to the east of the East Coast Mainline subject to available capacity within</u>	To ensure the policy is effective regarding the coordinated provision of infrastructure with development.	Not significant – to provide clarity on education provision

		<u>existing or other newly created local schools (see Policy IN 10) and the phasing requirements established in the infrastructure phasing plan. The timescales for the delivery of the additional primary school and secondary school would be identified in the infrastructure phasing plan and/or through the review of infrastructure requirements prior to the occupation of the 1,650th dwelling where the education requirements and capacity levels will be considered;</u>		
MM60	Policy H10 – part e	An integrated transport network focused on sustainable transport modes, including public transport, walking and cycling with strong links to adjoining communities, employment locations and Darlington town centre, <u>shall be delivered in accordance with the infrastructure phasing plan;</u>	To ensure the policy is effective in ensuring infrastructure provision will be appropriately coordinated with development.	Not significant – provide clarity regarding infrastructure provision
MM61	Policy H10 – part f	Principal vehicular access points from the A167, A1150 and Barmpton Lane and include appropriate measures to mitigate the impact of development on the local road network. <u>The phased implementation of the highways works and improvements will be linked to appropriate phases of development within the plan period. This shall include, but not be limited to, the following schemes from the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, exact details to be identified as part of the comprehensive masterplan, infrastructure phasing plan and any future planning applications for the site:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i <u>A66/Little Burdon Circulatory Upgrade</u> ii <u>A1150/ Thompson Street East Roundabout Improvements</u> 	To ensure the policy is effective regarding the coordinated provision of infrastructure with development.	Not significant – provide clarity and further detail regarding vehicular access

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii <u>A167/Burtree Lane Junction Improvements</u> iv <u>Barmpton Lane upgrade works including its junction with Whinbush Way</u> 		
MM62	Policy H10 – part g	<p>A local distributor road between the A167 and A1150, close to the Little Burdon roundabout, which is to include a crossing of the East Coast Mainline <u>and roundabout junction on the A1150. This will be achieved through the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i <u>Prior to the occupation of the first dwelling on land on the western part of the allocation (between the A167 and the East Coast Mainline) the section of the local distributor road between the A167 and the primary development access point shall be delivered.</u> ii <u>Prior to the completion of the development on the western part of the allocation (between the A167 and East Coast Mainline) the remaining section of the local distributor road to the East Coast Mainline shall be delivered.</u> 	To remove ambiguity and ensure consistency with national policy. To ensure the policy is effective regarding the coordinated provision of infrastructure with development.	Not significant - provides clarity regarding the phasing of the proposed local distributor road.

		<p><u>iii Development of the initial phases of development on the eastern part of the allocation will be accessed via Barmpton Lane and/or Bishopton Lane. Prior to the occupation of between the 200th and 450th dwelling on the eastern part of the allocation the section of the local distributor road between Barmpton Lane and Bishopton Lane shall be delivered.</u></p> <p><u>iv Prior to the occupation of between the 900th and 1500th dwelling the local distributor road between the A167 and the A1150 (including the bridge crossing of the East Coast Mainline) shall be completed in its entirety.</u></p> <p><u>Precise details of the road and development access points, together with a timetable for its implementation, shall be agreed with the Council as part of the comprehensive masterplan, infrastructure phasing plan and any future planning applications for the site; and a corridor to enable the provision of a connection across the River Skerne to the Northern Relief Road route;</u></p>		
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MM63	Policy H10 – part i	A network of green and blue infrastructure, <u>the phasing of which is to be agreed with the Council as part of the Infrastructure phasing plan</u> , that:	To ensure the policy is effective regarding the coordinated provision of infrastructure with development.	Not significant – provides clarity regarding the phasing
MM64	Policy H10 – part i ii	protects and enhances the River Skerne, its valley setting (see Policy ENV 7), and the green corridors (see Policy ENV3). <u>Where infrastructure crosses these corridors mitigation measures should be provided along the railway line;</u>	To ensure the policy is effective and ensure greater consistency with other policies in the plan.	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency
MM65	Policy H10 – part i iii	delivers a net gain in the area of <u>publicly accessible</u> community woodland on the site;	To ensure the policy is effective by clarifying that the community woodland provided must be publicly accessible	Not significant – provides clarity
MM66	Policy H10 – part i iv	provides a pattern of well-integrated and inter-connected green spaces (<u>along with provision for their long term maintenance</u>) across the site providing for the green infrastructure needs of the local community, including wildlife friendly natural spaces, sport and recreation facilities <u>and allotments</u> in accordance with Policies ENV 4, ENV 5 and ENV 9;	To ensure consistency with the healthy new towns and garden communities principle and ensure the effectiveness of the policy.	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency
MM67	Policy H10 – part i vii	provides for the <u>potential</u> relocation of Darlington Golf Club to a suitable location within the allocation boundary; and	To ensure the policy is effective making clear the golf club relocation is potential and the allocation is not reliant upon it.	Not significant – provides clarity that development of site is not dependent upon relocation of golf club
MM68	Policy H10 – part x	Additional bullet stating: <u>Retains the openness and separation of the rural gaps between</u>	To ensure the implementation of the plan is effective and remove internal inconsistency between Policies ENV3 and	Not significant – provides consistency with Policy ENV3 and rural gaps located in areas identified as green

		<u>Darlington and the villages of Great Burdon and Barmpton (see Policy ENV3)</u>	H10 in relation to the Skerningham Strategic Allocation.	infrastructure on masterplan framework originally.
MM69	Policy H10 – Last para within Policy text	The site, design and layout will be required to conserve and enhance the designated heritage assets on and adjacent to the site, together with their settings, in accordance with Policy ENV1. Proposals will be required to conserve, and where appropriate enhance designated and non-designated heritage assets within and in the vicinity of the site including their setting in accordance with policy ENV1. The design and layout should be carried out in accordance with the recommendations of the Darlington Local Plan Heritage Impact Assessment (2019) to avoid and minimise harm and provide opportunities for enhancement where appropriate.	To ensure the plan is consistent with the requirements of paragraphs 189 and 190 of the NPPF (2021) by also referring to non-designated heritage assets.	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency
MM70	Policy H10 – End of last para within Policy text	Addition of “ <u>development should be located outside of areas of flood risk, and should be planned sequentially (Policy DC2), placing the most vulnerable development in the lowest areas of flood risk, and proposals should be supported by a Flood Risk Assessment</u> ”.	To ensure consistency with paragraphs 161 and 162 of the NPPF (2021).	Not significant – provides consistency and already assessed on basis of avoiding development in areas of flood risk.
MM71	Policy H10 – End of last para within policy text	<u>As the development is expected to extend beyond the plan period, in line with national policy and guidance, infrastructure requirements and the infrastructure phasing plan will be kept under review. Any proposal in advance of a plan review or preparation of a subsequent plan, which exceeds 1650 dwellings, would need to carry out a review of all associated infrastructure requirements. If significant additional</u>	To ensure the policy is effective regarding the coordinated provision of infrastructure with development.	Not significant – provides clarity regarding infrastructure delivery

		<p><u>infrastructure is required, the Council will seek to update the policy as part of any subsequent review of the plan.</u></p>		
MM72	Policy H10 – Para 6.10.1	<p>The Skerningham strategic allocation is a 487 hectare site bordered by the Skerne River and Barmpton village to the north, the A167 to the west, Darlington’s urban edge and the A66 to the south and agricultural land to the east, and is bisected by the East Coast mainline. Most of the site is situated within the Sadberge and Middleton St George Ward, with the remainder located in the wards of Harrogate Hill and Whinfield. The majority of the site is currently in agricultural use, but the site also includes Darlington Golf Club, areas of recreational open space, Skerningham Community Woodland and a network of formal and permissive Public Rights of Way.</p>	<p>To ensure the policy is consistent with policy H2 by removing reference to strategic site.</p>	<p>Not significant – provides consistency</p>
MM73	Policy H10 – Para 6.10.3	<p>...The finalised <u>comprehensive masterplan including infrastructure phasing plan is to be prepared by the applicant(s) in consultation with the community and</u> is to be agreed with the Council in advance of any planning application being submitted for the Skerningham strategic allocation site, either as a whole or in part. <u>The infrastructure phasing plan is required to set out in further detail the appropriate phases of the development that the infrastructure requirements set out in parts a-i of Policy H10 will be provided. This includes community and social facilities including neighbourhood centre,</u></p>	<p>To ensure the policy is effective in setting out when and how the masterplan should be prepared, what it should contain, take account of and how it will be used in the decision-making process. To ensure the policy is also effective in securing the coordinated provision of infrastructure by setting out that the infrastructure phasing plan should be completed and what it should contain along</p>	<p>Not significant – provides clarity regarding contents and production of comprehensive masterplan, design code and infrastructure phasing plan</p>

		<p><u>health hub, schools and other community facilities; green infrastructure and transport network including sustainable transport. A design code will be developed for the site in consultation with the community, within around six months of the Local Plan being adopted. The Council will adopt the design code as a Supplementary Planning Document and expect the comprehensive masterplan and planning applications to have regard to it.</u></p>	<p>with the process for producing the design code.</p>	
MM74	Policy H10 para 6.10.4	<p>The following Masterplan Framework illustrates the key principles for development of the Skerningham site emerging from the masterplan process and reflected in the policy, <u>should the golf club be relocated.</u></p>	<p>To ensure the policy is effective making clear the golf club relocation is potential and the allocation is not reliant upon it.</p>	<p>Not significant – provides clarity</p>
MM75	Policy H10 para 6.10.5	<p>Insertion of new paragraph</p> <p><u>The preferred approach for the development of the Skerningham site is for the golf club to be relocated. However, should it be demonstrated that this is not possible, the following alternative masterplan framework illustrates how the key principles for the development of the Skerningham site can still be achieved.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u><Masterplan Framework Plan with Golf club remaining in situ></u></p>	<p>To ensure the policy is effective making clear the golf club relocation is potential and the allocation is not reliant upon it.</p>	<p>Not significant – site assessment not previously based on masterplan framework but broader principles.</p>
MM76	Policy H10 para 6.10.5	<p>Due to the scale and complexity of this site, and the level of supporting community and physical infrastructure required to support the</p>	<p>Update figure to ensure effectiveness and match that set out in Policy H2 which had</p>	<p>Not significant – provides consistency</p>

		development, in the order of 4,800 <u>1,650</u> homes are expected to be delivered on this site during the plan period (as set out in the Housing Trajectory at APPENDIX A).	been amended from previous versions of the plan.	
MM77	Policy H10 para 6.10.5	... This is not regarded as the maximum number of homes that the site could deliver during the plan period, additional homes could be provided subject to <u>a review being undertaken by the Council and developers of all associated infrastructure requirements to ensure the delivery and appropriate phasing of required supporting infrastructure (see Policy H 2). The site has been allocated as a whole to ensure that it is planned as a single cohesive sustainable development, fully supported by necessary infrastructure provision and with appropriate mitigation measures, as required, delivered in a coordinated phased manner alongside development. It is expected that 600 homes delivered during the plan period will be located on the land adjacent to the A167 and west of the East Coast Mainline with the remaining 1,050 homes delivered during the plan period located on the land to the east of the allocation boundary with initial phases located on land adjoining Barmpton Lane.</u>	To ensure the policy is effective regarding the coordinated provision of infrastructure with development and setting out where development will take place during the plan period.	Not significant – provides clarity on infrastructure provision
MM78	Policy H10 para 6.10.6	The Masterplan Frameworks shows the potential location of a new neighbourhood centre to serve both new and existing communities in the area through the co-location of community services, <u>local scale retail, food and drink (excluding hot food takeaways)</u> and employment facilities, <u>schools and a health hub for GPs and Dentists.</u> The neighbourhood centre is to be located to	To ensure the policy is effective in relation to the facilities required in the neighbourhood centre	Not significant – provides clarity

		coincide with sustainable transport routes and the green infrastructure network. A number of smaller centres providing local community facilities to meet the needs of residential areas will also be provided where required, located along walking, cycling and public transport routes.		
MM79	Policy H10 para 6.10.7	An assessment of the likely education requirements for this site by the Council has indicated that the site should make provision for land to accommodate two 525 place primary schools, each with a 52 place nursery school, a combined total land requirement of 5.6 hectares. This level of provision would allow sufficient flexibility for future demand. It will also be necessary to reserve 5 hectares of land for a 600 place secondary school. <u>The first primary school is expected to be delivered on land to the east of the East Coast Mainline before the occupation of the 450th dwelling on land to the east of the East Coast Mainline subject to available capacity within existing or other newly created local schools and any further phasing requirements established through the infrastructure phasing plan at the comprehensive masterplanning stage. The timescales for the phasing of the remaining education provision will be established through the infrastructure phasing plan and/or the review of infrastructure requirements prior to the occupation of the 1,650th dwelling.</u>	To ensure the policy is effective regarding the coordinated provision of infrastructure with development	Not significant – provides clarity on education provision
MM80	Policy H10 para 6.10.10	The site will require the delivery of a new internal <u>local</u> distributor road between the A167 north of	To ensure the policy is effective regarding the coordinated provision of	Not significant – provides clarity

		<p>Beaumont Hill and the A1150 close to the Little Burdon roundabout. The specification of this road will be determined by the Transport Assessment submitted with a planning application for the site. <u>Whilst the precise details and timetable for implementation of the local distributor road are to be agreed with the Council through the comprehensive masterplan, infrastructure phasing plan and planning applications stages it is expected, based on the modelling undertaken to date that the internal distributor road will need to be fully operational prior to the occupation of between the 900th and 1500th dwelling.</u> As set out in the Transport and Infrastructure section and illustrated on the Key Diagram (Figure 4.1), there are aspirations to improve the strategic road network across the Tees Valley including the potential for a new Northern Link Road improving the connectivity between the A1(M) and the A66. A business case, and detailed alignment and specification, for the Northern Link Road are being explored by the Tees Valley Combined Authority in conjunction with Highways England and Transport for the North, with a view to delivering the link road over the next 10 years. It is anticipated that the Northern Link Road will include a connection into the centre of the Skerningham Strategic Allocation site across the River Skerne. It is therefore important that the proposals for the Skerningham site do not compromise the delivery of the Northern Link Road, and make suitable provision for it in the masterplan for the site.</p>	<p>infrastructure with development</p>	
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MM81	Policy H10 para 6.10.11	<p>The masterplan must deliver a high quality, landscape led design that responds to, respects, and enhances its landscape and biodiversity context and builds upon the existing local green infrastructure assets in the area providing an attractive green edge to the town. Around 45% of the site area is expected to be retained and enhanced as accessible green infrastructure, managed agricultural land and/or the relocated golf club, as part of a wide green corridor on the south side of the River Skerne forming the river valley, and along the East Coast Mainline. In addition, further green space will be provided within the remainder of the site, creating an extensive network of green infrastructure connecting residential areas and community facilities, delivered in line with Policy ENV 4.</p> <p><u>Should the golf club remain in situ around 55% of the site area is expected to be retained and enhanced as accessible green infrastructure, managed agricultural land and the existing golf club.</u></p>	To ensure the policy is effective making clear the golf club relocation is potential and the allocation is not reliant upon it.	Not significant – provides clarity should golf club not relocate
MM82	Policy H10 para 6.10.12	<p>...The site is expected to deliver an increase in the area of woodland adjacent to the river, to offset any loss resulting from the <u>potential</u> relocation of Darlington Golf Course, and to help meet the sites wider green infrastructure needs</p>	To ensure the policy is effective making clear the golf club relocation is potential and the allocation is not reliant upon it.	Not significant – provides clarity
MM83	Policy H11 – paragraph 1	<p>Greater Faverdale – Strategic Site Allocation (Strategic Policy)</p> <p>A strategic site allocation is identified at Greater Faverdale (Site Reference: 185) to support a Mixed Use development of approximately 2,000</p>	To ensure the policy is effective by removing reference to mixed use which could be misleading and consistent with policy H2 by	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency

		homes and approximately 200,000 square metres of employment space on a 177.8 hectare site in North West Darlington.	removing reference to strategic site.	
MM84	Policy H11 – paragraph 3	A comprehensive masterplan <u>and infrastructure phasing plan</u> must be submitted to accompany any planning application relating to this site , that informs the mix of uses, layout, scale, design, <u>provision of local and strategic infrastructure including social and community facilities</u> and phasing of the proposed development, <u>and which incorporates the key principles for the development as set out in points a-j below, shall be prepared prior to the submission of any planning application relating to this site.</u> The masterplan <u>shall be led by the applicant(s), informed by community consultation and</u> should be based on a strong understanding of the characteristics of the site and its surrounds. <u>It should also have regard to the strategic design requirements established in the Greater Faverdale Design Code.</u> adopt the Healthy New Town approach to site design.	To ensure the policy is effective in setting out when and how the masterplan should be prepared, what it should contain, take account of and how it will be used in the decision-making process.	Not significant – provides clarity regarding infrastructure provision, comprehensive masterplan and design code.
MM85	Policy H11 – paragraph 3	Create as new paragraph 4: To ensure that a cohesive development is delivered at Greater Faverdale, the Council will only approve planning applications that adhere with <u>to the comprehensive masterplan or any updated masterplan agreed with the Council</u> and deliver the necessary local and strategic infrastructure <u>identified in points a-j below</u>	To ensure the policy is effective in ensuring the coordinated provision of infrastructure with development.	Not significant – provides clarity regarding infrastructure provision

		<u>including social and community facilities at the appropriate phase of the development identified in the infrastructure phasing plan to support the coordinated provision of infrastructure and development.</u>		
MM86	Policy H11 – part a	A mix of housing types, tenures and sizes, including <u>20% affordable housing</u> and self/custom build housing, informed by up-to-date evidence of the housing needs of the Borough and Policies H 4 and H 5, with higher densities being incorporated close to public transport routes and the neighbourhood centre;	To ensure the policy is effective by making it clear what the affordable housing requirement is.	Not significant – provides clarity
MM87	Policy H11 – part b	<u>Approximately 70 hectares (gross) / 49 hectares (net) of employment land to accommodate approximately 200,000 square metres of employment space covering for B4 E(g), B2 and B8 use classes;</u>	To ensure the policy is effective by making it clear the amount of land allocated for employment development and to ensure the policy is effective and consistent with the updated Use Classes Order (2020)	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency with updated Use Classes Order
MM88	Policy H11 – part c	Space for a well located and connected neighbourhood centre providing community facilities, including the potential for a health hub, primary school and local retail <u>and food and drink</u> facilities of a scale and type proportionate to the nature and scale of the development <u>and should be provided at appropriate phases of the development identified in the infrastructure phasing plan. Policies TC1, TC4 and TC5 will not apply to proposals in accordance with these requirements. The requirement and timetable for</u>	To ensure the policy is effective in relation to the facilities required in the neighbourhood centre and to make clear the requirements of policies TC1 and TC5 will not apply for consistency with national policy. Also, to ensure the policy is effective in ensuring the coordinated	Not significant – provides clarity regarding infrastructure provision

		<p><u>the provision of the primary school shall be agreed with the Council as part of the comprehensive masterplan, infrastructure phasing plan and any future planning applications for the site subject to the capacity of existing local schools (see Policy IN10);</u></p>	<p>provision of education facilities with development.</p>	
MM89	Policy H11 – part f	<p>A link road between Rotary Way and Burtree Lane <u>the precise details of which including development access points, together with a timetable for its implementation, shall be agreed with the Council as part of the comprehensive masterplan, infrastructure phasing plan and any future planning applications for the site;</u></p>	<p>To ensure the policy is effective in ensuring the coordinated provision of transport infrastructure with development.</p>	<p>Not significant – provides clarity</p>
MM90	Policy H11 – part g	<p>Further enhancements to the local road network of Burtree Lane, to include the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. western connection to the A68; and ii. connectivity over the Bishop Line towards Harrowgate Hill <u>improvements to Burtree Lane, including a new or improved pedestrian and cycleway crossing over the Bishop Line to connect the site to the Harrowgate Hill area, or provide a suitable alternative route.</u> <p><u>The implementation of these enhancements to the local road network of Burtree Lane will be linked to appropriate phases of development with the exact details to be agreed with the Council as part of the comprehensive</u></p>	<p>To ensure the policy is effective in ensuring the coordinated provision of transport infrastructure with development.</p>	<p>Not significant – provides clarity</p>

		<u>masterplan, infrastructure phasing plan and any future planning applications for the site;</u>		
MM91	Policy H11 – part i	An integrated transport network focused on sustainable transport modes; including public transport, walking and cycling with strong links to <u>established networks, adjoining communities, employment locations and Darlington town centre, which should be provided at the appropriate phases of the development identified in the infrastructure phasing plan;</u>	To ensure the policy is effective in recognising the need to link to existing networks.	Not significant – provides clarity
MM92	Policy H11 – part j	A network of connected <u>and good quality</u> green and blue infrastructure, <u>the phasing of which is to be agreed with the Council as part of the comprehensive masterplan and infrastructure phasing plan,</u> that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. retains and enhances the network of safe, attractive and accessible public rights of way, footpaths and cycle routes across the site; ii. provides a pattern of well-integrated and inter-connected green spaces <u>(along with their long term maintenance)</u> across the site providing for the recreational needs of the local community, including nature friendly natural spaces, in accordance with Policies ENV 4, ENV 5 and ENV 9; 	<p>To ensure the policy is effective regarding the coordinated provision of infrastructure with development.</p> <p>To ensure consistency with the healthy new towns and garden communities principle and ensure the effectiveness of the policy.</p>	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency regarding green infrastructure provision.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. protects the amenity of existing residential properties (see Policy DC 3); iv. retains and enhances hedgerows and trees (see Policy ENV 7); v. mitigates the impact on biodiversity (see Policy ENV 7); vi. incorporates sustainable drainage systems; <u>and</u> vii. <u>incorporates improved pedestrian access and interpretation alongside the Stockton and Darlington Railway (see Policy ENV2).</u> 		
MM93	Policy H11 – policy wording - final paragraph	<p>Final paragraph to be reworded from ‘The site design and layout must conserve and enhance the historic Stockton & Darlington Railway in accordance with Policies ENV 1 and ENV 2’ to</p> <p><u>The site design and layout will be required to conserve, and where appropriate enhance designated and non-designated heritage assets, within and in the vicinity of the site including their setting in accordance with policies ENV1 and ENV 2 and the recommendations of the Darlington Local Plan Heritage Impact Assessment (2019)</u></p>	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with paragraph 195 of the NPPF (2021).	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency
MM94	Policy H11 – End of last	<p>Addition of <u>“development should be located outside of areas of flood risk, and should be planned sequentially (Policy DC2), placing the</u></p>	To ensure consistency with paragraphs 161 and 162 of the NPPF (2021).	Not significant – provides consistency

	para within Policy text	<u>most vulnerable development in the lowest areas of flood risk, and proposals should be supported by a Flood Risk Assessment”.</u>		
MM95	Policy H11 – Additional paragraph	<u>As the development is expected to extend beyond the plan period, in line with national policy infrastructure requirements the infrastructure phasing plan will be kept under review. Any proposal, in advance of a plan review, which exceeds 750 dwellings or 24 hectares (net) of employment land would need to carry out a review of all associated infrastructure requirements. If significant additional infrastructure is required the council will seek to update the policy as part of a review of the plan.</u>	To ensure the policy is effective regarding the coordinated provision of infrastructure with development.	Not significant – provides clarity regarding infrastructure provision
MM96	Policy H11 – 6.11.1	Greater Faverdale is a 177.8 hectare site (Site Reference: 185) in the North West of Darlington in the Brinkburn and Faverdale Ward and the Heighington and Coniscliffe Ward. The site is currently in agricultural use and is bordered to the west by the A1(M) and the A68 in the south by Rotary Way, to the north by Burtree Lane and the east by the <u>operational Bishop Line of the Stockton and Darlington Railway rail line.</u>	To ensure the policy justification is effective by being more specific regarding the nature and status of the railway line.	Not significant – provides clarity
MM97	Policy H11 – 6.11.2	The Greater Faverdale strategic allocation in the North West of Darlington was identified as having potential for mixed use development as part of the Local Plan Issues and Scoping consultation held in August 2016. In November 2016, the Council's Cabinet agreed to engage with the Advisory Team for Large Applications (ATLAS), now part of Homes England, to investigate how this part of	To ensure the policy is consistent with policy H2 by removing reference to strategic site.	Not significant – provides consistency

		the Borough could contribute to meeting the Borough's housing needs in a planned, sustainable way		
MM98	Policy H11 – Figure 6.2	<p>Replace “<u>Railways</u>” in key with “<u>Stockton & Darlington Railway Bishop Line</u>”</p> <p>Move arrow indicating potential principal access point from Burtree Lane further down on diagram so that it is clear access is from Burtree Lane rather providing access in to field to the North.</p>	To ensure the diagram is effective in illustrating the policies.	Not significant – provides clarity
MM99	Policy H11 – 6.11.6	<p>Further progress of the Masterplan Framework towards a comprehensive masterplan <u>including infrastructure phasing plan</u> with design, scale, suggested mix of uses, indicative phasing and development direction will be required to <u>be prepared in consultation with the community in advance of the first planning application being submitted for this site support any planning application for this strategic site. The infrastructure phasing plan shall set out in further detail the appropriate phases of the development that the community and social facilities; green infrastructure and transport network requirements shall be provided.</u></p>	To ensure the policy justification is reflective of updated policy requirements and effective in establishing what should be included in the infrastructure phasing plan to ensure the coordinated provision of infrastructure with development.	Not significant – provides clarity regarding contents and process relating to infrastructure phasing plan
MM100	Policy H11 – 6.11.7	<p>The <u>comprehensive masterplan</u> should be based on <u>have regard to the strategic design requirements established in the Greater Faverdale Design Code and be based on</u> a strong understanding of the characteristics of the site and its surrounds, and adopt the Healthy New Town approach <u>principles</u> to site design.</p>	To ensure the policy justification is reflective of updated policy requirements.	Not significant – provides clarity

MM101	Policy H11 – 6.11.10	Development proposals should incorporate the route of the Stockton and Darlington Railway, providing improved access and interpretation, and aim to avoid creating a continuous area of urban development with the permitted development to the east of the rail line <u>in a predominantly rural to conserve and enhance its setting.</u>	To ensure the policy justification is reflective of updated policy requirements.	Not significant – provides clarity
MM102	Policy H11 – 6.11.11	<u>Should development progress above the 750 dwellings or 24 hectares in the Local Plan to 2036 it will be necessary to undertake a proportionate review of the infrastructure phasing plan to accompany any planning application for accelerated development. This could include evidence from a Transport Assessment for highways infrastructure but should also consider other additional infrastructure requirements where necessary. Significant additional infrastructure requirements for development not considered in this plan may necessitate the need for a plan or policy review.</u>	To ensure the policy justification is effective and consistent with national policy regarding the coordinated provision of infrastructure with development.	Not significant – provides clarity regarding infrastructure provision
MM103	Policy E1 – policy wording – para 1	The following existing employment areas, as shown on the Policies Map, are promoted and safeguarded for existing and ongoing economic investment. Within these areas, planning permission will be granted <u>on available land and for the change of use of existing buildings or developed land (subject to any permitted development rights)</u> in line with the 'suggested uses' of each site set out below. Proposals for other employment uses not falling within the 'suggested uses' of specific sites will only be	To ensure the policy is clear and effective in its operation	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency

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		353	Haughton Road/Blackett Road	11.58 ha	0 ha	0 ha	<u>B1, B2, B8, E(g)</u>	
		354	McMullen Road East	2.72 ha	0 ha	0 ha	<u>Sui Generis</u>	
		355	Lingfield Point	33.6 ha	2.74 ha	1.92 ha	<u>Mixed Use</u>	
		357	Morton Park	18.28 ha	5.79 ha	4.05 ha	<u>B1, B2, B8, E(g)</u>	
		358	Yarm Road Industrial Estate	63.86 ha	1.87 ha	1.31 ha	<u>B1, B2, B8, E(g), Sui Generis</u>	
		359	Morton Palms Business Park	11.90 ha	6.08 ha	4.26 ha	<u>B1, B2, E(g)</u>	
		363	Aycliffe	15.33 ha	0 ha	0 ha	B2	

		364	Yarm Road South	34.69 ha	0 ha	0 ha	B4, B2, <u>E(g)</u>			
		366	Meynell Road East	10.28 ha	0 ha	0 ha	B4, B2, B8, <u>E(g)</u>			
		367	Link 66 / Symmetry Park (strategic)	36.03 ha	13.10 ha	9.17 ha	B4, B2, B8, <u>E(g)</u>			
		376	Whessoe Road	4.88 ha	0 ha	0 ha	B4, B2, <u>E(g)</u>			
		378	Longfield Road	2.41 ha	0 ha	0 ha	B2			
		379	Banks Road	9.70 ha	0 ha	0 ha	B4, B2, <u>E(g)</u> , Sui Generis			
		380	Albert Hill Industrial Estate	16.02 ha	0 ha	0 ha	B4, B2, B8, <u>E(g)</u>			
		404	Teesside International Airport North	53.96 ha	6.73 ha	4.71 ha	B4, B2, <u>E(g)</u> and Airport related uses			
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MM106	Policy E1 – para 7.1.14	7.1.14 The Local Plan, whilst planning for employment development in specific locations, recognises that employment uses outside of the employment areas identified can make a contribution to the local economy, where they are in suitable locations with compatible uses able to co-exist alongside one another. To this extent it is					To ensure the policy is justified and effective		Not significant – provides consistency	

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MM109	Policy E3	<p>The Policies map shows the site <u>of the relocated</u> where the Darlington Farmers Auction Mart is to be relocated and where ancillary and related uses for rural economic development will be allowed, including:</p> <p>a. Use Class A4 E(a) - small scale retail (rural based);</p> <p>b. Use Class A2 <u>E(c)</u>/B4 <u>E(gi)</u> - small scale office;</p> <p>c. Use Class A3 <u>E(b)</u> - food and drink;</p> <p>Other use classes would have to be defined and <u>uses including agricultural related services will be considered in through</u> the planning application process in relation to <u>on their individual merits based on their relationship with the primary purpose of the site, scale, dimension, need, rural impact and added value to the rural economy.</u></p>					Modification to ensure the policy is effective and is consistent with the updated Use Classes Order (2020)	Not significant – to provide clarity and consistency	
MM110	Policy E4 – Policy Wording	<p>Economic Development in the Open Countryside (Strategic Policy)</p> <p>A) Proposals for the conversion and re-use of buildings for economic development <u>the sustainable growth and expansion of all types of businesses located in the open countryside including the</u></p>					To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with the NPPF.	Not significant - provides clarity and consistency	

		<p><u>development and diversification of agricultural and other land-based rural businesses will be supported where should:</u></p> <p>a. be largely accommodated within the <u>they enable the conversion or re-use of existing building(s), providing the buildings are:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. buildings are sympathetic to their surroundings or can be made so, without significant demolition or rebuilding, and;ii. <u>remain in keeping with their</u> surroundings and makes use of retained features that contribute to local distinctiveness and historic interest if appropriate, and;iii. <u>capable and</u> be large enough for conversion without significant alteration and the need for additional buildings. Substantial new extensions will not be permitted and any extensions that are required must be subordinate in scale and proportion to the original building; <p>Where possible and appropriate, existing buildings including designated or non-designated heritage assets shall be retained and re-used. Any necessary new buildings</p> <p>b. where new buildings <u>are well-designed and are necessary they must be wherever possible are located physically well-related to existing rural settlements and/or existing buildings and building</u></p>		
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		<p><u>groups</u>. The character, scale and design of the <u>all proposed new buildings proposal should be is must be</u> appropriate to its open countryside surroundings</p> <p>All proposals there should be <u>sensitive to their surroundings</u>, provide satisfactory access from <u>and not have an unacceptable impact on the local road network</u>. <u>Proposals must also not</u> unacceptably affect amenity, and not prejudice any viable agricultural operations on an active farm unit. Proposals must not <u>and not</u> prejudice any planned community use.</p> <p>Proposals that demonstrate that they will directly and significantly contribute to the retention and / or development of local services, community facilities and infrastructure <u>which make a location more sustainable</u> will be supported.</p> <p><u>BA</u>) If the proposals are for equestrian related development then, in addition:</p> <p>i. There must be adequate land for commercial uses, adequate off-road riding facilities available safely nearby that is proportionate to the number of horses to be kept on the land <u>and located where there is, or could be, ready and safe access to the bridleway network</u>; and</p>		
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		<p>services and infrastructure should blend with its surroundings. All sites should have good access to the road and footpath network and will be subject to conditions to prevent the permanent occupancy of the site.</p> <p>ii. Other tourist accommodation should be located within development limits unless it can be demonstrated that the need is not met by existing facilities in Service Villages and villages with settlement limits. If located in an area susceptible to flooding it should provide a specific Flood Risk Warning and Evacuation Plan.</p> <p>DC) Proposals for outdoor leisure uses will also be supported in appropriate locations, provided that their impact on the open countryside is minimised and they provide satisfactory access arrangements and protect amenity.</p> <p>ED) Development will normally be permitted <u>If proposals are</u> for the establishment or expansion of retail development outside of development limits <u>where it is then, in addition, it should be demonstrated that:</u></p> <p>i. The proposal is connected to or adjacent to the primary <u>agricultural holding or existing rural business</u>;</p> <p>ii. The proposal is economically related to the primary <u>agricultural holding or</u></p>		
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		<p><u>existing rural business</u> and is ancillary to the primary existing use; and</p> <p>iii. <u>For proposals over 500sqm the sequential approach (Policy TC1) has been applied</u> and there would be no <u>significant</u> adverse impact on the vitality or viability of retail centres (policies TC1 and TC4); and or village shops within the locality</p> <p>iv. <u>The proposal will not affect the retention of local village shops.</u></p>		
MM111	Policy E4 – Para 7.2.8	<p>7.2.8 There can be instances where new economic activity in the open countryside requires associated residential accommodation (see Policy H.7). In order to demonstrate this, evidence will need to be submitted to explain why the need arises and why the need for on-site accommodation cannot be dealt with by other means, such as CCTV surveillance. If a need for on-site accommodation then evidence will need to be provided that the need couldn't be met in another way, this could include alternative accommodation within the existing local housing stock within a reasonable distance. Finally proposals must demonstrate that the location of residential accommodation has been carefully considered to minimise visual impact on the countryside and any neighbouring land uses.</p>	To ensure the policy is effective by removing text not relevant to policy E4	Not significant – to ensure consistency
MM112	Policy TC 1 - Paragraph 8.1.5	Proposed alterations:	To ensure consistency with the NPPF in terms of accurately	Not significant – provides consistency

		<p>The Town Centre is the defined area where main Town Centre uses will be located. Main town centre uses(24) are retail development (including warehouse clubs and factory outlet centres); leisure, and entertainment facilities; the <u>and</u> more intensive sport and recreation uses (including cinemas, restaurants, drive-through restaurants, bars and pubs, night clubs, casinos, health and fitness centres, indoor bowling centres, and bingo halls); <u>offices</u>; and arts, culture and tourism development (including theatres, museums, galleries and concert halls, hotels and conference facilities). Strengthening the town centre by channelling new main town centre uses is vital if Darlington is going to fulfil its role as a Sub-Regional Centre. The definition of the Town Centre has been tested and approved by two Town Centre Conference events in 2015 and 2017.</p>	<p>defining main town centre uses.</p>	
MM113	<p>Policy TC1 – Policy wording – paragraph 2</p>	<p>Where main town centre uses are proposed outside of the Town Centre boundary a sequential test should be applied <u>in accordance with national policy</u>. using the following sequence of locational priorities:</p> <p>1st: Within the Town Centre Boundary 2nd: Edge of the Town Centre Boundary 3rd: Out of Centre</p>	<p>To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with national policy regarding the sequential test.</p>	<p>Not significant – provides consistency</p>
MM114	<p>Policy TC2– parts a and c</p>	<p>The Policies Map defines the Primary Shopping Area within the Town Centre.</p>	<p>To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with national policy</p>	<p>Not significant – provides consistency</p>

		<p>To maintain vitality and viability, the Local Planning Authority will permit non-retail uses in shopping frontages where appropriate, subject to:</p> <p>a. Its position and attractiveness within the frontage; <u>and</u></p> <p>b. The relative pedestrian flow associated with the unit compared with the wider centre;</p> <p>c. The length of time that the unit has been actively marketed on competitive terms.</p>		
MM115	Policy TC3 – policy wording - Part A	Add to end .. <u>and taking account of the key recommendations of the Darlington Local Plan Heritage Impact Assessment (2019).</u>	To ensure the policy can be applied effectively.	Not significant – provides clarity
MM116	Policy TC4 – policy wording - Para 2	Types of uses that will be acceptable within the boundaries of these centres include shops, financial services, restaurants and cafes, drinking establishments, hot food takeaways, and a range of community and leisure facilities (included within <u>class E(a-f) and sui generis classes A2-A5, D1 and D2</u> of the Use Classes Order) providing they:	Modification to ensure the plan is consistent with the updated Use Classes Order (2020)	Not significant – provides consistency
MM117	Policy TC4 – policy wording last paragraph	Insert: <u>Where main town centre uses are proposed outside the district or local centre boundary a sequential test should be undertaken in accordance with national policy.</u>	To ensure the policy is clear and effective regarding the sequential test and therefore consistent with national policy.	Not significant – provides consistency
MM118	Policy TC5 – Policy wording	Proposals for retail (convenience and comparison) and leisure development generating over 500sqm additional floorspace <u>outside Darlington town centre and which are not</u>	To ensure the policy is effective by making clear it relates to proposals outside the defined town centres and sites identified in the plan policies.	Not significant – provides consistency

		identified in the Local Plan policies will be required to undertake an Impact Assessment.		
MM119	Policy TC5 – supporting text	<u>8.2.6 An impact assessment would not need to be undertaken for proposals to create the neighbourhood centres required by policies H10 and H11 at Skerningham and Greater Faverdale where proposals satisfy the requirements established in these policies.</u>	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with other policies in the plan by making clear that the impact assessment requirement will not apply to the proposed neighbourhood centres required in policies in H10 and H11.	Not significant – to provide clarity and consistency
MM120	Policy TC6 – policy wording – para 1	Development and regeneration of the Town Centre Fringe will be promoted throughout the plan period to deliver a range of mixed use development and environmental improvements. <u>The uses likely to be acceptable include economic, commercial and residential (main town centres use proposals would, where relevant, need to satisfy the sequential approach (Policy TC1) and Impact assessment (Policy TC5)).</u>	To ensure the policy is effective.	Not significant – ensures policy is effective
MM121	Policy TC6 – policy wording - Part a	Manage flood risk along the whole of the river corridor <u>that avoids most vulnerable development in areas at highest risk of flooding and that</u> incorporates enhanced river habitat and green infrastructure within the River Skerne Strategic GI corridor	To ensure compliance with national planning policy on flood risk.	Not significant – provides consistency
MM122	Policy TC6 – policy wording - Part B	B. Conserve historic buildings <u>and where appropriate enhance the historic environment</u> in the area, with an emphasis on creating opportunities for the celebration of Darlington’s heritage	Clarity on conserve and enhancing the historic environment rather than just buildings to ensure consistency with NPPF.	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency

<p>MM123</p>	<p>Policy ENV1 – policy wording - paragraph 1 – 1st sentence</p>	<p><u>When considering Pproposals affecting a all designated heritage assets (Listed Buildings, Historic Registered Parks and Gardens, Scheduled Monuments and Conservation Areas, or an archaeological sites of national importance) or non-designated heritage assets of archaeological interest, demonstrably of equivalent significance to scheduled monuments, great weight will be given to the assets conservation. Proposals should conserve those elements which contribute to its such assets significance, including any contribution made by its their setting in a manner appropriate to their significance irrespective of whether any potential harm amounts to substantial harm, total loss or less than substantial harm. Proposals resulting in less than substantial harm to such elements designated heritage assets will be permitted only where this harm is clearly justified and outweighed by the public benefits of the proposal. Proposals resulting in substantial harm to or total loss to of the significance of a designated heritage asset (or an archaeological site of national importance) will only be permitted only in exceptional circumstances. where this is necessary to achieve substantial public benefits that outweigh the harm or loss, or, all of the following apply:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>the nature of the heritage assets prevents all reasonable uses of the site;</u> • <u>no viable use of the heritage itself can be found in the medium term through appropriate marketing that will enable its conservation;</u> 	<p>To ensure the policy is consistent with national policy.</p>	<p>Not significant – provides consistency</p>
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MM124	Policy ENV1 – policy wording – part B	In addition to the requirements in part A proposals affecting a conservation area, involving the alteration, extension or change of use of a building or construction of any structure should preserve and enhance those elements identified in any conservation area appraisal as making a positive contribution to the significance of that area.	To ensure that the policy is effective and clear that these requirements in part B are additional to part A of the policy	Not significant – provides clarity
MM125	Policy ENV1 – policy wording – part B – para 3	Built-Development will not be permitted that would lead to the loss of or public and or private open spaces within or adjacent to conservation areas where they the existing openness makes a positive contribution to the character or appearance of the area or its setting, as identified in the conservation area appraisal, including landscape and townscape and views and vistas into or from or within the conservation area, unless it can be demonstrated that the public benefit demonstrably outweighs the harm.	To ensure the policy is effective regarding reference to conservation area appraisals	Not significant – provides clarity
MM126	Policy ENV1 – Policy wording – Part D	Proposals which would remove, harm or undermine the significance of a non-designated heritage asset will only be permitted where the benefits are considered to outweigh the harm to	To ensure the policy is consistent with national policy	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency

		<p>the character of the local area. Proposals must protect and enhance the <u>should seek to avoid harm to those features, including setting, which contribute to the significance</u> of a non-designated heritage asset, <u>including its setting</u>, through <u>measures such as</u> good design.</p> <p>Applications involving the demolition of a non-designated heritage building or structure must demonstrate that there is no sustainable use of the building.</p>		
MM127	Policy ENV1 – Policy wording – Part F & Para 9.1.28	<p>If the existing or original use of a heritage asset is no longer viable development proposals will be required to secure the optimum viable alternative use <u>consistent with its conservation.</u></p> <p>9.1.28 For statutorily protected buildings, those within conservation areas and non-designated heritage assets, the Council will seek to secure the optimum viable use. Keeping a building in its original use is preferred, as it generally has the least impact on its character or appearance. It may be converted to a new use, if it can be demonstrated that it will be <u>consistent with its conservation and compatible with the significance and the setting of the historic building</u>, and not detract from other evidential, historic, aesthetic or communal heritage values, or unless there are public benefits which outweigh the harm.</p>	To ensure the policy is consistent with national policy	Not significant – provides consistency

MM128	Policy ENV1 Para 9.1.24 pg 34	Outside of the identified Areas of High Archaeological Potential, Durham County Council take the approach that desk-based assessment and, where necessary, field evaluation is required for all development proposals affecting an area of 1 hectare or more, unless it is already known to have been archaeologically sterilised by previous development such as mineral extraction. <u>Should the desk-based assessment identify archaeological potential, a geophysical survey should be undertaken to identify any unknown anomalies. Following the results of the geophysical survey targeted trial trenching may then be required.</u> The reasoning underpinning this is that archaeological investigation and research in recent decades has shown right across the country that the number and geospatial density of archaeological sites is far higher than previously imagined and so the likelihood of encountering archaeology on a site of this size or larger has increased.	Alteration to clarify requirements relating to make policy requirements clearer and more effective	Not significant – provides clarity
MM129	Policy ENV2 – policy wording – para 3	Development proposals that support the development of the S&DR as a visitor attraction <u>including the creation of a walking and cycling paths along its route</u> will be encouraged.	To ensure the policy is effective and fully reflects the aims of the supporting justification regarding the creation of a walking and cycling route along the railway.	Not significant – provides clarity regarding reference to visitor attraction
MM130	Policy ENV3 – part B and paragraph 9.3.6	B)1. The <u>existing strategic and local</u> green corridors and their buffer zones in line with Policy ENV4; and	To ensure the policy is effective in the way it defines the green corridors and reference to their buffers	Not significant – provides clarity

		9.3.6. The existing strategic and local green corridors identified in Darlington's Green Infrastructure Strategy have a unique character that contributes to the identity and setting of adjoining neighbourhoods, such as the River Tees and the former Darlington and Stockton Railway corridor. Their length, distinctiveness and buffer zones width vary (see Policy ENV 7).	varies from to specific local characteristics.	
MM131	Policy ENV3 – part E	Seeking high quality design in areas of low landscape quality in the urban area, to strengthen local character and distinctiveness, in accordance with <u>having regard to</u> the Darlington Characterisation Study, Darlington Landscape Character Assessment and the Revised Design of New Development SPD, or their subsequent replacement.	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with national policy regarding the role and weight of SPDs.	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency
MM132	Policy ENV3 – Para 9.3.5	Local Green Spaces are a relatively new designation; national planning policy indicates that they should be close to the community they serve, be local in character, have significance because of attractiveness, heritage, recreational or biodiversity value, not be extensive in size and complement investment in homes, jobs and essential services. But their primary role is to maintain the openness and permanence of the landscape.	To ensure the policy is effective by removing incorrectly located paragraph.	Not significant – provides clarity by removing incorrectly located wording
MM133	Policy ENV4 – para 9.4.3-9.4.6	9.4.3 The Green Infrastructure network in Darlington is made up of numerous public and private green spaces, landscapes and features (see Figure 9.1 taken from Darlington's Green Infrastructure Strategy) including:	To ensure the policy is consistent with policy ENV3 in updating the reference to green corridors and no longer referring to their buffers.	Not significant – provides clarity

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategic and local Green corridors; <p>9.4.4 At the heart of Darlington's green infrastructure network is a network of green corridors. Four strategic green corridors including the River Tees and the River Skerne function within and across the Borough's boundaries, and eight local green corridors, including the former Barnard Castle Trackbed, connect neighbourhoods to the urban and rural areas. Most are used now, but some will be new corridors (or parts of) added over the lifetime of this plan. In particular these will connect the strategic development locations and the urban fringe, provide connectivity within the inner urban area and enhance biodiversity (see Policy ENV 7) and movement (see Policy IN 1) across the Borough.</p> <p>9.4.5 The widths of the <u>Each green corridors has a buffer zone defined in the Green Infrastructure Strategy;</u> strategic corridors are wider than local corridors reflecting the minimum width needed for habitats within or adjacent to the corridor to function, for a distinct landscape to be recognised, and to provide appropriate and sufficient space for access and recreation. have not been defined</p>		
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		<p><u>on the policies map as they are distinct, and this will vary along the length of each corridor depending on its qualities, characteristics and surroundings in any particular location.</u></p> <p>9.4.6 Development proposals on sites crossed by, or immediately adjacent to a strategic or local green corridor should positively protect, incorporate and enhance the functions and features of the corridor <u>as appropriate</u>. Sites related to a proposed strategic or local green corridor will be expected to actively incorporate the corridor into the layout and design of the development, responding to the specific landscape characteristics of the site (see Policy ENV 3), retaining existing natural assets and distinctive features as appropriate. In all cases, developments will be expected to respond to the priorities for each corridor, and seek to deliver the projects identified in the Green Infrastructure Strategy⁽⁴⁰⁾.</p>		
MM134	Policy ENV4 – Figure 9.1	Figure 9.1 - remove this map	To ensure the policy is effective as this has been	Not significant – to provide clarity by removing map now located elsewhere.

			replaced by layers being added to the policies map	
MM135	Policy ENV4 – policy wording parts a and b	<p>a. All new development <u>Development proposals</u> within, or immediately adjacent to, the buffer of an existing strategic or local <u>green corridor (as defined in Darlington's Green Infrastructure Strategy on the policies map)</u> will, should <u>through good design</u>, conserve and enhance the its <u>function</u>, setting, biodiversity, landscape, access and recreational value of the corridor as appropriate to that location;</p> <p>b. All new development that is <u>Development proposals that are</u> crossed by an <u>existing or proposed strategic or local</u> green corridor (as defined in Darlington's Green Infrastructure Strategy <u>on the policies map</u>) will <u>should</u> incorporate the green corridor it <u>into the sites layout and design</u> <u>having regard to green infrastructure functions appropriate to that location</u>;</p>	To ensure the policy is consistent with policy ENV3 in updating the reference to green corridors and no longer referring to their buffers.	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency
MM136	Policy ENV4 – Policy wording – g iii.	Refusing planning permission for development that would result in the loss of existing green space ⁽³⁹⁾ unless it can be demonstrated that the loss of the space would not cause significant harm to the character and appearance of the area or to local biodiversity (in line with Policy ENV 7), and one or more of the following criteria are met:	To ensure consistency with paragraph 99 of the NPPF (2021).	Not significant – to ensure consistency

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. there is an identified surplus of that type of green space in the area and that its loss would not adversely affect the recreational needs of residents; ii. satisfactory replacement green space is provided in a suitable location, accessible to current users and at least equivalent in terms of size, usefulness, attractiveness and quality; iii. for development involving the loss of playing fields: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o the sports facilities on the site would be best retained and enhanced through the development of land that is incapable of forming part of a playing pitch and will not prejudice the use of the playing field, where the benefits of the development to sport and recreation clearly outweigh the loss of the land; or o the proposal involves the development of an alternative outdoor or indoor sports facility on the site, and the benefits of the development to sports and recreational provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the playing field current or former use. 		
MM137	Policy ENV4 – Footnote 39	For the purpose of Policy ENV 4 criterion F the term green space refers to all public and private, formal and informal, types of green infrastructure	To ensure the policy is consistent with policy ENV3 in updating the reference to	Not significant – to ensure clarity and consistency

		listed under paragraph 9.4.3, including component parts of the strategic and local green corridors, but excluding urban fringe, agricultural land, open countryside and private gardens.	green corridors and no longer referring to their buffers.	
MM138	Policy ENV5 – Para 1	Developments including 20 dwellings (or 0.2 hectares) or more, or non-residential developments of 1,000m gross floorspace or more, will, <u>subject to the quantity, quality and accessibility of existing provision</u> , be expected to deliver new green infrastructure, <u>to meet the additional need generated in-line calculated using the formula set out in paragraph 9.4.15 and having regard to</u> with <u>of the standards and costs contained in the adopted Planning Obligations SPD, or its replacement. Proposals should also ensure arrangements are in place for the maintenance of new green infrastructure provided in the longer term.</u>	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with national policy by incorporating formula currently in an SPD within the Local Plan policy and supporting text itself.	Not significant – to ensure clarity and consistency
MM139	Policy ENV5 – policy wording – paragraphs 2 and 3	Green infrastructure should be delivered on-site <u>and designed as multi-functional blue-green space to perform a range of green infrastructure functions where possible.</u> and, <u>provision should be prioritised subject to need and having regard to the types and quantities of existing green infrastructure in the area as identified in the Darlington Green Infrastructure and Open Space Strategies and/or Planning Obligations SPD (as relevant) along with any other relevant</u>	To ensure the policy is justified and effective by making clear that provision should be prioritised reflecting specific type of need identified in that locality.	Not significant – to improve the effectiveness of the policy

		<p>evidence. -of green space types in the following order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wildlife friendly green space; 2. Space associated with flood & water management systems; 3. Public access, countryside access and formal rights of way; 4. Play and informal recreational space; 5. Other types of green space (including amenity open space, allotments, playing pitches etc.). <p>Green infrastructure should be designed as multi-functional blue-green space performing a range of the above functions.</p>		
MM140	Policy ENV5 – policy wording – last paragraph	<p>In areas of open space deficiency (<u>identified in the Planning Obligations SPD or equivalent</u>), <u>schemes of between 11 and 19 dwellings (or 0.1 to 0.2 ha)</u> or more, or non-residential development of <u>500sqm to 1000sqm</u> gross floorspace or more, will be required to make provision for a financial contribution towards the improvement of off-site green infrastructure in the local area, <u>calculated using the formula set out in paragraph 9.4.15. This should be equivalent to the additional need generated by the development and where this would deliver greater</u></p>	<p>To ensure the policy is effective by making clear that the requirement only applies to developments of between 11 and 19 dwellings and not those above as originally inferred.</p>	<p>Not significant – to provide consistency and improve effectiveness of policy</p>

		<p><u>benefits to the wider community than on-site provision.</u></p>		
<p>MM141</p>	<p>New para below 9.4.14 which would be number 9.4.15</p>	<p><u>Proposals where it has been identified green infrastructure provision is required should use the following formula to establish the amount of green infrastructure type to be provided by each new home and the financial contribution required in circumstances where an off-site financial contribution is required. Where proposals are providing a contribution towards quality improvement costs only this will be 50% less of the standard charge for quantitative provision. The same formula below will be applied to proposals for non-residential development where green infrastructure provision is required by replacing the dwelling occupancy with the employee occupancy of the proposal and applying a lower green infrastructure type standard per employee reflecting the lower level of usage. Further information on the inputs to the formula is available in the Planning Obligations SPD or its replacement.</u></p> <p><u>Step 1 – Establish quantity required</u></p> <p><u>Dwelling Occupancy multiplied by (x) green infrastructure type standard per resident equals (=) amount of green infrastructure type required per proposed dwelling</u></p> <p><u>Step 2 – Determine financial contribution required for off-site provision</u></p>	<p>To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with national policy by incorporating formula currently in an SPD within the Local Plan policy and supporting text itself.</p>	<p>Not significant – improve effectiveness and provide consistency</p>

		<p><u>Amount of green infrastructure required per proposed dwelling multiplied by (x) cost of provision equals (=) standard charge per proposed dwelling</u></p> <p><u>Step 3 – Determine financial contribution required for off-site quality improvement costs</u></p> <p><u>Standard charge per proposed dwelling divided (/) by 2 equals (=) quality improvement costs per proposed dwelling</u></p>		
MM142	Para 9.4.16	<p>Provision should also be made for the maintenance of green spaces to ensure quality remains in the long term. For new large greenspaces, particularly those in the strategic locations, a maintenance levy(44) will typically be applied to each household and/or business, to ensure long term maintenance by a management company. Elsewhere, a one off maintenance contribution may be sought so that maintenance can be undertaken by the Council <u>and in these circumstances the formula below should be used to calculate a contribution equivalent to 10 years maintenance. Where the maintenance sum is for off-site quality improvements costs the amount will be reduced by 50%. The same formula below will be applied to proposals for non-residential development where green infrastructure provision is required by replacing the dwelling occupancy with the employee occupancy of the proposal.</u> Further details on the approach to implementation</p>	<p>To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with national policy by incorporating formula currently in an SPD within the Local Plan policy and supporting text itself.</p>	<p>Not significant – improve effectiveness and provide consistency</p>

		<p>can be found in the Planning Obligations SPD <u>or its replacement.</u></p> <p><u>Step 1 – Establishing maintenance sum required</u></p> <p><u>Dwelling occupancy multiplied by (x) average maintenance cost equals (=) maintenance cost per dwelling multiplied by (x) 10 = one off maintenance sum</u></p> <p><u>Step 2 – Determining maintenance sum for off-site quality improvement costs</u></p> <p><u>One off maintenance sum divided by (/) 2 equals (=) quality improvement maintenance sum</u></p>		
MM143	Policy ENV 6 – Policy wording – para 1	<p>Development will not be permitted within a Local Green Space, designated either within the Darlington Borough Local Plan or a Neighbourhood Plan, unless there are very special circumstances where the public benefits of the development proposed would outweigh the harm that would be caused by the development. <u>it is consistent with the National Policy approach for Green Belts.</u></p>	To ensure consistency with paragraphs 147 to 151 of the NPPF (2021).	Not significant – to provide consistency

MM144	Policy ENV7 – policy wording – para 7	<u>Development proposals located within the areas listed below are encouraged, where relevant, to support the achievement of these specific actions will be taken as follows:</u>	To ensure the policy is effective	Not significant – improve effectiveness of wording
MM145	Policy ENV7 – Policy Wording - A and B and para 9.6.5	<p>A) River Tees <u>Existing Strategic Green Corridor</u></p> <p>B) River Skerne <u>Proposed Strategic Green Corridor</u></p> <p>9.6.5 ‘More, better, bigger and connected sites’⁽⁴⁸⁾ across the Borough, linked by wildlife corridors, smaller wildlife rich ‘stepping stones’ and ‘buffer zones’, such as along the <u>existing and proposed strategic</u> green corridors, will help establish healthy ecological networks for all species⁽⁴⁹⁾, including the Brown Trout, Little Grebe and Grey Wagtail, and allow ecosystems to be sustained, with attendant benefits⁽⁵⁰⁾</p>	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with other reference to the strategic green corridors elsewhere in the Local Plan	Not significant – to provide consistency and improve effectiveness of policy

MM146	Policy ENV7 – Policy Wording – D (i)	<p><u>i. Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs)</u> Development likely to have an adverse effect on any of the Borough's <u>or neighbouring SSSI's</u>, <u>either individually or in combination with other developments</u>, will not normally be permitted unless it can be demonstrated that the <u>benefits of the proposed development is required</u> in that <u>particular location</u>, the benefits would significantly and demonstrably clearly <u>clearly</u> outweigh the adverse impact its likely impact on the features of the site that make it of special scientific interest and a significant contribution could be made to the management of the site, protection of species and the broader network of SSSI's within the Borough. and any broader impacts on the network of sites.</p>	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with paragraph 175(b).	Not significant – provides consistency
MM147	Policy ENV7 – Policy Wording – D (ii)	<p>Development likely to have an adverse effect on result in significant harm to any of the Borough's Local Nature Reserves or Local Wildlife Sites <u>should be avoided by being relocated to an alternative site of less harmful impacts. Where this is not possible, and it is demonstrated development is required in that location it will</u> only be permitted <u>if the significant harm it can be shown that the reasons for the development, or benefits to the local community from the development, outweigh the interest or value of the site and any harm can be overcome by adequate mitigation or as a last resort appropriate compensation measures.</u></p>	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with paragraph 175(a).	Not significant – provides consistency

MM148	Policy ENV7 – Policy Wording - D (iii)	<p><u>iii. Community Woodlands and Ancient Woodland</u> New development will be expected to retain existing woodlands. Development will not be permitted that would result in the loss of woodland unless the benefits clearly outweigh the loss and suitable replacement planting can be undertaken (current compensation measure within policy only considers woodland types on NERC list). <u>which provides woodland types matching those identified as Priority Habitats in the NERC List (Insert footnote) that are found locally.</u></p> <p><u>Ancient woodlands, ancient and veteran trees are irreplaceable habitats and new development will not be permitted that would result in their loss, fragmentation, isolation or deterioration of ancient woodland or ancient or veteran trees unless there are wholly exceptional reasons (as defined in national policy) and a suitable compensation strategy exists. Ancient woodlands are irreplaceable habitats and loss cannot be compensated.</u></p> <p><u>(Insert Footnote) – Identified under Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006) on the England Biodiversity List as habitat of principal importance for the conservation of biodiversity</u></p>	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with paragraph 175(c).	Not significant – provides consistency
MM149	Policy ENV8 – Policy Wording – Insert new para 1	<u>Development proposals will be required to provide net gains in biodiversity (prevailing in national policy) and demonstrate achievement of this using the Defra Biodiversity Metric.</u>	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with national policy	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency with ENV7 which already set out requirement for net gains in biodiversity.

MM150	Policy ENV8 – Policy Wording – Part 4	Take account of, and reflect the detailed advice set out in, Darlington’s Green Infrastructure Strategy and the revised Design of New Development SPD <u>or successor documents.</u>	To ensure the policy is effective should SPDs be replaced in the future.	Not significant – provides clarity
MM151	Policy ENV8 – Policy Wording below point 4 & para 9.6.15	<p>Addition of Point 5 – <u>5. Provide a masterplan, management and maintenance plan for applications of 100 dwellings or more where relevant showing how the quality of biodiversity features will be maintained in the long term. Maintenance contributions where required will be secured via a Section 106 agreement.</u></p> <p>9.6.15 To ensure suitable schemes are brought forward and that the long term quality of all biodiversity features proposed is maintained, a masterplan, showing how the features will be designed should be submitted with any major <u>major</u> planning application <u>for 100 dwellings or more,</u> together with a management and maintenance plan, showing how the features will be maintained in the long term, and this should be submitted with any planning application. A maintenance contribution secured via a Section 106 agreement may be required.</p>	To ensure the policy is effective.	Not significant – ensures policy is effective and provides consistency
MM152	Policy ENV8 – Policy wording – para 2-4	Where a development proposal will have a negative impact on <u>cannot avoid significant harm to</u> biodiversity following the consideration of avoidance measures and mitigation, <u>as a last resort,</u> suitable compensatory measures must be incorporated, including the creation of priority habitats ⁽⁵³⁾ , with the first priority being on-site provision. Only with adequate reasoned	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with national policy and ENV7	Not significant – provides consistency

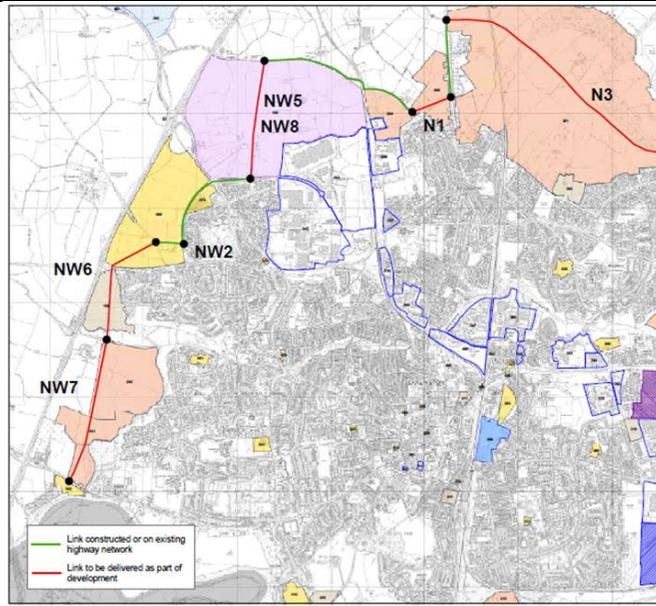
		<p>justification will any off-site compensatory measures be permitted, with any such provision, <u>agreed to be adequate and appropriate</u>, secured by Section 106 contribution or Community Infrastructure Levy (or any other future delivery mechanism). This ensures the Council can fulfill its planning duties in relation to minimising impacts on, and providing net gains for, biodiversity.</p> <p>Where developers identify the presence of non-native invasive species on-site, measures will be required to contain the species and ensure it is effectively managed, or where possible, eradicated during development.</p> <p><u>Where adequate compensation measures cannot be provided, and significant harm avoided resulting from a development proposal cannot be avoided, adequately mitigated, or, as a last resort, compensated for planning permission will be refused.</u></p> <p><u>Where developers identify the presence of non-native invasive species on-site, measures will be required to contain the species and ensure it is effectively managed, or where possible, eradicated during development.</u></p>		
MM153	Policy ENV8 – para 9.6.8	Darlington's Green Infrastructure Strategy includes a number of measures to improve the environmental and recreational value of the Borough's strategic and local green corridors, and should be read alongside this policy when	To ensure the statement is effective and reflects updates to other parts of the plan.	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency

		considering development proposals affecting a green corridor		
MM154	Policy IN1 A ii	Supporting the development of the ' Strategic <u>priority key sustainable transport</u> corridors...	To ensure policy is justified and consistent with supporting evidence base.	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency.
MM155	Policy IN1 – policy wording – part A iii	All new developments will provide permeability and connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists to make walking and cycling the first choice for short journeys, including cycle parking provision at new commercial developments, and residential developments should give consideration as to where bicycles will be stored;	To address inconsistency and ensure policies are effective.	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency.
MM156	Policy IN 1 Part C v	Part C v be deleted: v) Working with Highways England and TVCA to ensure development within the plan period does not compromise the potential delivery of a Northern Link Road between the A1 and A66.	To ensure the policy is consistent with national policy	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency. The potential Northern Link Road was not considered as part of the SA.
MM157	Policy IN1 part C vii	Provision of key routes <u>as part of some development proposals within the plan, in conjunction with existing infrastructure, provide additional for new road, and public transport and high quality cycle and footpath links to support specific developments included in the Local Plan create an orbital route of the northern urban area of Darlington.</u> These include routes are: West Park Garden Village - link road connecting Edward Pease Way to Newton Lane;	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with the supporting justification by referring to other schemes identified as a requirement of proposals in the plan.	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency.

		<p>Stag House Farm - link road connecting Newton Lane to Staindrop Road;</p> <p>Coniscliffe Park - link road connecting A67 to Staindrop Road;</p> <p>Link 66 / Symmetry Park - link road connecting the B6279 Tornado Way to B6280 Yarm Road;</p> <p>Burdon Hill - link road connecting A1150 to B6279 Tornado Way and new link road to Red Hall;</p> <p>Skerningham access roads – including local distributor road between the A167 and A1150 close to the Little Burdon roundabout in the broad location identified in the Skerningham Masterplan Framework;</p> <p>Faverdale link road – <u>connecting Rotary Way to Burtree Lane.</u></p> <p><u>Berrymede Farm – connecting Burtree Lane to the A167;</u></p>		
MM158	Policy IN 1 – policy wording - C vii	<p>The following text is added to the policy and list reordered to be consistent with the order provided in the reasoned justification;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coniscliffe Park - link road connecting A67 to Staindrop Road; • Stag House Farm - link road connecting Newton Lane to Staindrop Road; 	To ensure the policy is effective in clearly identifying the required mitigation measures in the plan period.	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Park Garden Village - link road connecting Edward Pease Way to Newton Lane; • Faverdale link road - connecting Rotary Way to Burtree Lane; • Berrymede Farm – connecting Burtree Lane to the A167; • Skerningham access roads – <u>including local distributor road between the A167 and A1150 close to the Little Burdon roundabout in the broad location identified in the Skerningham Masterplan Framework;</u> • Burdon Hill - link road connecting A1150 to B6279 Tornado Way and new link road to Red_Hall; • Link 66 / Symmetry Park - link road connecting the B6279 Tornado Way to B6280 Yarm Road 		
MM159	Policy IN1 – paragraph 10.5.10 and 10.5.11	<p>Local roads will need to be managed to ensure that junctions work as efficiently as possible to allow all traffic to move. Some improvements have already been secured or are in the process of being built. Darlington Borough Council made a successful bid to the Department for Transport National Productivity Innovation Fund (NPIF) which will make improvements to three junctions</p>	To ensure the policy is effective by referring to other schemes identified as a requirement of proposals in the plan.	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency.

		<p>to create capacity and improve traffic flow. The schemes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lingfield Way / Yarm Road Junction improvements; this scheme is aimed at improving the flow of buses but also includes improvements for pedestrians and cyclists.• Haughton Road roundabout improvements.• McMullen Road / Yarm Road roundabout to open up access to Ingenium Parc. <p><u>The highway schemes detailed in Policy IN1 part C(vii) are intended to serve a dual function in creating access to development sites but also providing travel choices for local trips. Through creating an interconnected orbital route this will improve connectivity for all forms of transport to the North of Darlington. These routes will be integrated into proposals for relevant sites and provide access to the development by road (including where appropriate public transport), cycleway and footpath. Figure 10.2 shows the sections of network already in place and those requiring delivery during the plan period.</u></p>		
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In addition the Borough Council will seek proposals to deliver the following link roads associated with the following developments: The schemes detailed in Policy IN1 and Figure 10.2 are from west to east:

- Coniscliffe Park (NW7) - link road connecting A67 to Staindrop Road;
- Stag House Farm (NW6) - link road connecting Newton Lane to Staindrop Road;
- West Park Garden Village (NW2) - link road connecting Edward Pease Way to Newton Lane;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Berrymede Farm (N1) – connecting Burtree Lane to the A167 and improvements to A167/Burtree lane junction;</u> • <u>Skerningham access roads (N3) – including local distributor road between the A167 and A1150 close to the Little Burdon roundabout in the broad location identified in the Skerningham Masterplan Framework;</u> • <u>Burdon Hill (E20) - link road connecting A1150 to B6279 Tornado Way and new link road to Red Hall and Skerningham access roads;</u> • <u>Skerningham – link road connecting A167 Beaumont Hill to A1150 at Little Burdon;</u> • <u>Faverdale link road (NW5/NW8) connecting Burtree Lane to Rotary Way and;</u> • <u>Link 66 / Symmetry Park (E3) - link road connecting the B6279 Tornado Way to B6280 Yarm Road.</u> 		
MM160	Policy IN2 policy wording part b	b. Ensure that all new neighbourhoods are permeable and <u>by providing high quality, safe and easily accessible, safe walking and cycling routes to important local services such as shops, particularly those selling fresh food, schools, primary health care, and leisure and employment opportunities.</u>	To ensure the policy is effective in securing the provision of high quality infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists on development sites.	Not significant – provides consistency with national policy.

MM161	Policy IN2 policy wording part d	<p>d) All new major development should provide easy and safe access for those who wish to use <u>be accessible by public transport. Accessibility is based on</u> It is therefore expected that 80% or more of the <u>dwellings on a site being within a 400 metres walking distance of a bus stop served by a regular daytime service (every 30 minutes).</u> <u>Where appropriate, financial contributions to provide a supported or extended bus service for up to 5 years, and bus stop infrastructure will be sought where sites are not currently served by regular services.</u></p>	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with national policy regarding the provision of financial contributions for bus service provision.	Not significant – provides clarity on developer contributions and consistency with national policy.
MM162	Policy IN2 – policy wording – part e	<p>e. All new development (excluding extensions) should include secure cycle storage facilities to encourage cycle travel and employment uses should accommodate secure cycle storage and where possible, changing and shower facilities.</p>	To address inconsistency and ensure policies are effective.	Not significant – Existing SA focuses more on the creation of cycle routes rather than parking and storage.
MM163	Policy IN2 – para 10.6.4	Physical infrastructure interventions, such as cycle routes and bus stops, will be combined with travel information and marketing measures to encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport wherever possible, particularly on or near Key <u>Public Sustainable</u> Transport Corridors (as identified on the Policies map).	To address inconsistency and ensure policies are effective.	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency.
MM164	Policy IN2 new paragraph between 10.6.5 and 10.6.6	<p><u>Developments that are not within a reasonable walking distance of existing bus services will be expected to contribute to provide a supported bus service for 5 years. A reasonable walking distance is considered to be 400m, but other material considerations will be taken into account at the planning application stage including the</u></p>	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with national policy regarding the provision of financial contributions for bus service provision.	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency.

		<u>distance to local services on foot, the frequency of existing bus services on routes further than 400m away and the likelihood, or otherwise, that a supported service will become commercially viable.</u>		
MM165	Policy IN 3 – policy wording – paragraph 1	The Local Planning Authority will require support the preparation and implementation of Travel Plans, Transport Assessments and other schemes and agreements to promote the use of sustainable transport for journeys to work, training and education.	To ensure consistency with National Policy.	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency.
MM166	Policy IN3 – policy wording – final paragraph	To ensure Travel Plans are delivered successfully a robust management strategy must be in place. <u>Travel Plans should identify the specific required outcomes, targets and measures, and set out clear future monitoring and management arrangements all of which should be proportionate. They should also consider what additional measures may be required to offset unacceptable impacts if the targets should not be met. A travel plan co-ordinator should be appointed to identify opportunities for the effective promotion and delivery of sustainable transport initiatives and to fulfil the management and monitoring requirements. The Council will work with businesses and specifically the travel plan co-ordinators to ensure the travel plans are being developed, maintained and monitored.</u>	To ensure that the policy is effective in securing the monitoring and implementation of travel plans.	Not significant – provides clarity on monitoring arrangements.
MM167	Policy IN4 – policy	Safe, secure and appropriate <u>provision for cycle parking and storage, and where appropriate changing and showering facilities</u> will be provided	To ensure the policy is effective in securing the provision of well-designed and	Not significant - Wording relating to encouragement to provide enhanced cycling

	wording – paragraph 3	<u>encouraged, having regard to, standards set out in the Tees Valley Highway Design Guide or any successor</u> within all new developments, including shared facilities within flats.	located cycle storage facilities in residential and non-residential development, along with associated changing and showering facilities in the latter.	facilities for users was previously considered in Policy IN1 and the SA of policy options.
MM168	Policy IN4 – Para 10.8.3	Delete paragraph 10.8.3 and replace with the following: There are already local parking standards for new development and changes of use in place, set out in the Tees Valley Highway Design Guide, and further advice on integrating parking within new development is included in the Council's Design of New Development SPD. Development should also include appropriate provision for disabled parking and secure motorcycle parking. <u>Local parking standards for new development and changes of use will be set out in the Tees Valley Highway Design Guide (due to be updated 2021/22), in the meantime nationally defined parking standards will be applied in the Borough.</u>	To provide clarity on where parking standards are to be defined whilst local guidance is updated.	Not significant – Clarifies role of Tees Valley Design Guide pending update.
MM169	Policy IN9 – Policy wording – para 1 and part a	Renewable and low carbon energy development in appropriate locations <u>including community-led initiatives</u> will be supported <u>across the Borough, where proposals are in accordance with the following relevant criteria</u> . In determining planning applications for such projects significant weight will be given to the achievement of wider social, environmental and economic benefits. a. Wind energy development will be granted planning permission if the applicant can demonstrate that, <u>following consultation, the planning impacts identified by the</u>	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with national policy regarding wind energy development and the historic environment	Not significant – change is to reflect latest national policy. Existing SA considered the option to have a local policy or rely solely on national policy.

		<p><u>affected local community have been fully addressed and the proposal has their backing, and the proposal will not have unacceptable impact, either individually or cumulatively upon:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. shadow flicker; ii. visual dominance; iii. protected species and habitats; iv. landscape character and fabric; v. <u>the historic environment, including heritage assets and their settings;</u> vi. communication links; and vii. aviation and radar. 		
MM170	Policy IN9 para 10.10.23 (new)	<p><u>The whole of Darlington Borough is identified as suitable for wind energy development subject to proposals complying with the relevant criteria set out in Policy IN9 including demonstrating in accordance with footnote 54 of the NPPF (2021) that, following consultation, the planning impacts identified by the affected local community have been fully addressed and the proposal has their backing. Whether the proposal has the backing of the affected local community will be a judgement at the planning application determination stage.</u></p> <p>Insert new footnote at end of last sentence referring to <u>NPPG (5-033-150618)</u></p>	To ensure the policy is justified and effective regarding the proposals for wind energy development.	Not significant – adds to the reasoned justification text to update with latest national policy and guidance.
MM171	Policy IN10 – paragraph 10.11.1	<p>10.11.1 Community and social infrastructure encompasses a range of community facilities including schools, community centres, libraries, health care facilities (considered separately in</p>	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with national policy	Not significant – provides clarity on what constitutes 'community facilities'.

		<p>Policy DC 3), indoor sports facilities, cemeteries and arts and cultural facilities. Access to a wide range of good quality community facilities is identified as a key contributor to the health and well-being of people who live and work in the Borough and is one of the key objectives of the Draft Local Plan vision, aims and objectives (Section 2). The timely provision and upgrading of facilities is required to ensure Darlington's future growth brings more prosperity, safety, sustainability and inclusiveness and maintains and improves health and well-being.</p>		
MM172	Policy IN10 – policy wording – part a - bullet 1	<p>If need is demonstrated⁽⁸⁰⁾ then a planning obligation will be sought based on a calculation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Pupil place generation per family dwelling)⁽⁸¹⁾– (existing spare capacity in local schools) x (Department for Education (DfE) standard cost per place);⁽⁸²⁾ <p>If existing need can be met in part then appropriate adjustment will be made.</p>	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with national policy	Not significant – Providing further clarity on the developer contribution calculation.
MM173	Policy IN10 – policy wording – parts B and C	<p>B) Provision and Protection of Existing Community Facilities</p> <p>Proposals for new and expanded community services and facilities will be supported in accessible locations, providing that the scale of development is appropriate to the area in which it is proposed.</p> <p>The loss of any community facilities will only be permitted if it can be demonstrated that:</p>	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with national policy	Not significant – main changes are to better clarify what each heading covers. Content of the policy is largely unaltered.

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MM174	Chapter 11 Monitoring Framework	<p>Add additional indicators for Policy ENV1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>reduction in the number of assets that are classified as heritage at risk</u> • <u>preparation of a local list</u> • <u>completion of conservation area action plans and management plans where one has not been produced and review others where necessary</u> 	As recommended by Historic England to provide greater insight into the effectiveness of the policy.	Not subject to SA						
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		Non-designated heritage assets	<p>Parts of the historic environment including buildings, structures, areas and archaeology that are considered by the Local Planning Authority to be locally significant. They are identified through strategic planning, development management and can include a Local List.</p> <p><u>Non-designated heritage assets are buildings, monuments, sites, places, areas or landscapes identified by the Local Planning Authority as having a degree of heritage significance meriting consideration in planning decisions but which do not meet the criteria for designated heritage assets.</u></p>		
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		Transport Assessment	<p>A comprehensive and systematic process that sets out transport issues relating to a proposed development. It identifies what measures will be required to improve accessibility and safety for all modes of travel, particularly for alternatives to the car such as walking, cycling and public transport and what measures that will be needed to be taken to deal with the anticipated transport impacts of the development.</p>		
		Travel Plan	<p>A long-term management strategy for an organisation or site that seeks to deliver sustainable transport objectives through action and is articulated in a document that and is regularly reviewed.</p>		
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		<u>Local Green Space</u>	<u>A designation either in a local plan or neighbourhood development plan that provides special protection against development for green areas of particular importance to local communities.</u>		
		<u>Main Town Centre Uses</u>	<u>Retail development (including warehouse clubs and factory outlet centres); leisure, entertainment and more intensive sport and recreation uses (including cinemas, restaurants, drive-through restaurants, bars and pubs, nightclubs, casinos, health and fitness centres, indoor bowling centres and bingo halls); offices; and arts, culture and tourism development (including theatres, museums, galleries and concert halls, hotels and conference facilities).</u>		
		<u>Major Development</u>	<u>For housing, development where 10 or more homes will be provided, or the site has an area of 0.5 hectares or more. For non-residential development it means additional floorspace of 1,000m² or more, or a site of 1 hectare or more, or as otherwise provided in the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015.</u>		
		<u>Material Consideration</u>	<u>A material consideration is a matter which the decision maker must take into account when assessing a planning application.</u>		
		<u>Neighbourhood Plan</u>	<u>A plan prepared by a parish council or neighbourhood forum for a designated neighbourhood area. In law this is described as a neighbourhood development plan in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.</u>		
		<u>Open Space</u>	<u>All open space of public value, including not just land, but also areas of water (such as rivers, canals, lakes and reservoirs) which offer important opportunities for sport and recreation and can act as a visual amenity</u>		
		<u>Primary Agricultural Holding</u>	<u>An applicants main holding registered as an agricultural holding used solely or mainly for the purposes of agriculture, horticulture</u>		
		<u>Rural Exception Sites</u>	<u>Small sites used for affordable housing in perpetuity where sites would not normally be used for housing. Rural exception sites seek to address the needs of the local community by accommodating households who are either current residents or have an existing family or employment connection. A proportion of market homes may be allowed on the site at the local planning</u>		

			<p><u>authority's discretion, for example where essential to enable the delivery of affordable units without grant funding.</u></p> <p><u>Setting of a heritage asset</u> The surroundings in which a heritage asset is experienced. Its extent is not fixed and may change as the asset and its surroundings evolve. Elements of a setting may make a positive or negative contribution to the significance of an asset, may affect the ability to appreciate that significance or may be neutral.</p> <p><u>Significance (for heritage policy)</u> The value of a heritage asset to this and future generations because of its heritage interest. The interest may be archaeological, architectural, artistic or historic. Significance derives not only from a heritage asset's physical presence, but also from its setting.</p> <p><u>Site of Special Scientific Interest</u> Sites designated by Natural England under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.</p> <p><u>Stepping Stones</u> Pockets of habitat that, while not necessarily connected, facilitate the movement of species across otherwise inhospitable landscapes.</p> <p><u>Wildlife Corridor</u> Areas of habitat connecting wildlife populations.</p>		
MM177	Appendix A Housing Trajectory	Replace Housing Trajectory with updated version which is provided below this table.	To reflect updates to the housing trajectory set out in DBC6.2.	Not significant – provides clarity and consistency on housing figures throughout the plan.	
MM178	Appendix A Housing Trajectory	<p>Additional text to be added to the second sentence of para one:</p> <p>It is an estimate and outlines the amount of dwellings expected to be delivered <u>each financial year</u>.</p> <p>Alter year reference within the trajectory table to be clear that it is a financial year e.g. 2017 will be altered to 2016/17.</p>	For effectiveness and clarity.	Not significant – provides clarity.	

MM179	Site 20 – Great Burdon – Part d	<p>Additional text to the end of part d:</p> <p><u>No development should be within FZ3b (with exception to essential infrastructure or water compatible development).</u></p>	To ensure consistency with paragraphs 163 and 164 of the NPPF (2021).	Not significant – technical clarification.
MM180	Site 20 – Great Burdon – Part I	Appropriate easements <u>or diversions</u> should be provided.	To ensure the policy is justified and effective.	Not significant – technical clarification.
MM181	Site 20 – Great Burdon – Parts O and P	<p><u>o. A robust and appropriately landscaped boundary would be required along the north western edge of the site to maintain the openness and green infrastructure function of the adjoining Great Burdon Rural Gap (see policy ENV3)</u></p> <p><u>p. The openness and green infrastructure functions of the Haughton/Red Hall green wedge on the western part of the site should be retained and enhanced (see Policy ENV3).</u></p>	To ensure the policy is justified, effective and consistent with other policies in the plan and national policy regarding the protection of the rural gap and green wedge designations.	Not significant – technical clarification which provides effectiveness and consistency with local and national policy.
MM182	Site 41 – Coniscliffe Park South - Parts e and i	<p>Amendments relate to site context, landscaping and clarification on public rights of way requirements.</p> <p>Site 41 - Coniscliffe Park, South The site is an urban extension to the south west of the main urban area. It is bound by Coniscliffe Road to the south and the A1(M) to the west. The site is greenfield land in agricultural use and is proposed for allocation for residential development with an indicative yield of 535 dwellings, 420 of which are estimated to be delivered during the plan period.</p> <p>Issues and requirements</p>	To ensure the policy is effective the requirements on public rights of way have been combined and additional landscaping requirements included.	Not significant – presentational and technical clarification. Also provides effectiveness and consistency with local and national policy.

		<p>a. Vehicle access is to be taken from Coniscliffe Road.</p> <p>b. Allowance should be made in the site layout for a distributor road which would run north south through the site. This should link to site 249 (Coniscliffe Park, North) to the north.</p> <p>c. A small part of the site on the eastern edge adjacent to Baydale Beck valley is within flood zone 2 and 3. This should be reflected in the site layout and development directed away from this area in line with the sequential approach. <u>No development should be within FZ3b (with exception to essential infrastructure or water compatible development).</u></p> <p>d. A development scheme should give adequate buffering and protection to Baydale Beck. There is also the opportunity to enhance the green infrastructure network along this existing corridor and create new linkages to it.</p> <p>e. A public right of way crosses the site north south and across the centre of the site. This should be considered in site layout. <u>The development will also provide convenient and safe pedestrian and cycle connections into the existing urban area crossing Baydale Beck.</u></p> <p>f. Eastern edge of site is within an area of interest with regards to Great Crested Newts. An ecological survey would be required to support a planning application.</p>		
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MM183	Site 100 - Hall Farm, Branksome.	The site is an urban extension to the west of the main urban area. It is bound by the A1(M) to the west and Malvern Crescent to the east. The site is greenfield land in agricultural use and is proposed for allocation for residential development with an indicative yield of 495 <u>450</u> dwellings; 270 of which are estimated to be delivered during the plan period.	The land owner has carried out master planning and design work for the site and has suggested an indicative yield of approximately 450 dwellings rather than 495 as set out in the plan (based on density multiplier). Site yield updated accordingly. To ensure the guidance is justified and supported by appropriate evidence.	Not significant – clarification on housing yield and provides consistency on housing figures in the plan.

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MM185	Site 249 – Coniscliffe Park North – Parts e and i	<p>Amendments to site context and the landscaping requirements on the western edge of the site. The estimate of the number of dwellings to be completed during the plan period has also been altered to reflect the latest housing trajectory.</p> <p>Site 249 - Coniscliffe Park, North</p> <p>The site is an urban extension to the south west of the main urban area. It is bound by the A1(M) to the west and Staindrop Road (B6279) to the north. It is greenfield land in agricultural use and is proposed for allocation for residential development with an indicative yield of 985 dwellings; <u>630516</u> are estimated to be delivered during the plan period.</p> <p>Issues and requirements</p> <p>a. Vehicle access is to be taken from Staindrop Road.</p> <p>b. Land is to be reserved on the site for 1 primary school.</p> <p>c. Allowance should be made in the site layout for a distributor road which would run north south through the site, linking to site 41 to the south (Coniscliffe Park, South).</p>	To ensure the policy is effective alterations made to site context and landscape requirements combined.	Not significant – presentational and technical clarification ensures effectiveness. Also provides clarification on site delivery during the plan period to provides consistency on housing figures.

		<p>d. Electricity pylons cross the site; appropriate easement should be provided.</p> <p>e. The A1(M) lies to the west of the site; a suitable landscape buffer should be provided. <u>A robust boundary would also be required along the western edge of the site to distinguish between the main urban area and surrounding countryside.</u></p> <p>f. A small area of the site along the eastern edge is within flood zone 2 and 3. Development should be directed away from this area in line with the sequential approach. <u>No development should be within FZ3b (with exception to essential infrastructure or water compatible development).</u></p> <p>g. Baydale Beck and wildlife friendly open space runs along the eastern boundary of the site. This part of the green infrastructure network should be protected and enhanced. There is also the opportunity to create improved connectivity with the Cocker beck corridor and the river Tees.</p> <p>h. There has been recent record of Great Crested Newts on the site. An ecological survey should support a planning application.</p> <p>i. Public rights of way cross the site in a number of areas. These should be accommodated in site layout.</p> <p>j. The development will provide convenient and safe pedestrian and cycle connections into the existing urban area crossing Baydale Beck.</p>		
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MM186	Site 355 – Lingfield Point – Policy Wording – Para 1	...It is proposed for allocation for mixed use development with an indicative yield of 331 dwellings and potential B4 and B2 <u>E(g)</u> Uses.	To ensure consistency with the updated Use Classes Order (2020)	Not significant – provides consistency with national regulations.
MM187	Site 356 – Ingenium Parc – Policy Wording – Para 1	A masterplan for Ingenium Parc sets out <u>potential</u> design principles and requirements for the sites development.	To ensure the policy is justified by the HIA, effective and consistent with the requirements of para 199 of the NPPF (2021).	Not significant – minor wording addition.
MM188	Site 356 – Ingenium Parc – Part e	Development should be <u>appropriately scaled and designed and</u> set back from the sites northern boundary to reflect the original designed landscape setting of the Cummins Engine Factory. Retain and enhance the existing landscaping.	To ensure the policy is justified and effective reflecting the supporting evidence within the HIA.	Not significant – technical clarification.
MM189	Site 360 – Heighington Lane North – Part D	Additional text to the end of part d: <u>No development should be within FZ3b (with exception to essential infrastructure or water compatible development).</u>	To ensure consistency with paragraphs 163 and 164 of the NPPF (2021).	Not significant – technical clarification.
MM190	Site 392 – Elm Tree	Alterations to a number of requirements (retaining farm buildings, landscape sensitivity, reference to Skertingham masterplan area) and an	Amendments ensure the policy is clear, effective and justified	Not significant – technical clarification which ensures effectiveness.

	<p>Farm – parts b,c, d and f.</p>	<p>amendment to the requirement relating to the Green Lane historic track to clarify that it lies outside of the site boundary.</p> <p>Site 392 - Elm Tree Farm</p> <p>The site is within the Skertingham Masterplan area which is a strategic extension <u>an urban extension</u> to the north east of the main urban area (see policy H 10). The site is to the north of Sparrow Hall Drive. It is a greenfield site which is largely in agricultural use and is proposed for allocation for residential development with an indicative yield of 150 dwellings.</p> <p>Issues and requirements</p> <p>a. Vehicle access is to be taken from Sparrow Hall Drive.</p> <p>b. Older farm buildings should be retained and converted where possible.</p> <p>eb. The Green Lane historic track runs adjacent to the site <u>and</u>. This should be protected and accommodated in an appropriate site layout.</p> <p>d. The site is within an area of high landscape sensitivity, a development scheme will require suitable mitigation in terms of design and layout.</p> <p>ec. Old farm buildings on site could contain biodiversity interest. An ecological survey may be required to support a planning application.</p>	<p>by reflecting most recent evidence.</p>	
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		<p>f. Development should be in broad alignment with the Skertingham Masterplan Framework (Figure 6.1) and the development principles contained in Policy H 10: Skertingham Strategic Allocation.</p> <p>gd. There is opportunity for reinforcement of local recreational and green infrastructure links particularly west towards Springfield Park and north towards the River Skerne.</p>		
MM191	Site 403 – Blackwell Grange East	<p>a. The site forms part of the grounds to the Grade II* listed Blackwell Grange Hotel (and Grade II listed outbuildings). Development will affect <u>should protect</u> the setting of the Grade II* listed Blackwell Grange and its parkland curtilage. Significant mitigation and public benefit are required to offset the harm caused. <u>Proposals should be informed by the recommendations of the Heritage Impact Assessment (2020).</u> There is potential to better reveal the approach to Blackwell Grange along the historic drive from Grange Road.</p> <p>b. A development scheme would need to restore the remaining parkland area to the Grade II* Listed Building, <u>undertake an ecological survey and propose adequate mitigation for any impact on the adjacent Local Wildlife Site.</u></p>	To ensure the policy is consistent with national policy, the councils evidence base such as the recommendations of the heritage impact assessment and to also ensure consistency with other changes to the plan and policies map. To combine and clarify the requirements relating to an ecological survey and mitigation.	Not significant – technical clarification. Also provides consistency with national policy and the councils evidence base.

		<p>c. <u>Any development will be required to be of the highest quality, ensuring it is low lying, wooded in character including the planting of a perimeter tree canopy and creative and innovative in design.</u></p> <p>e. The site is designated a Local Wildlife site contains biodiversity habitat and any development should provide mitigation. Habitat improvements required on parkland area designated as Local Wildlife Site to the north.</p>		
MM192	Site 95 – Beech Crescent East, Heighington – Part B	The impact on the Heighington conservation area and the grade II listed buildings to the south should be carefully considered in the development of this site. Any scheme would require appropriate design and layout to mitigate any harm to these heritage assets <u>and should be undertaken in accordance with the recommendations of the Heritage Impact Assessment.</u>	To ensure the policy is effective and consistent with paragraphs 199 and 200 of the NPPF (2021).	Not significant – technical clarification ensures effectiveness and provides consistency with national policy.
MM193	Site 368 – Central Park South (Employment) – Part a	Comply with the revised Masterplan for Central Park South (2016), providing plots for B4 and B2 <u>and E(g)</u> land uses	To ensure consistency with the updated Use Classes Order (2020)	Not significant – provides consistency with national regulations
MM194	Site 411 – Chesnut Street Car Park	Additional text to the end of part f:	To ensure consistency with paragraphs 163 and 164 of the NPPF (2021).	Not significant – provides technical clarification.

		<u>No development should be within FZ3b (with exception to essential infrastructure or water compatible development).</u>		
MM195	Appendix C - Registered Parks and Gardens	Addition of - <u>Landscape at Cummins Engine Factory</u>	Update to reflect recent listing in August 2020	Not relevant to SA.
MM196	Appendix F	<p>New appendix titled <u>Appendix F: Table of Superseded Policies</u></p> <p><u>The Darlington Local Plan (2016 - 2036) will upon adoption replace all saved policies within the Darlington Local Plan 1997 (Incorporating Adopted Alterations 2001) and the Darlington Local Development Framework Core Strategy (2011).</u></p> <p><u>The following table sets out the local planning policies that will be superseded and no longer saved upon the adoption of the Darlington Local Plan (2016 - 2036).</u></p> <p><u><See Main Modifications for full table></u></p>	To ensure it is clear in line with the Local Plan regulations the Local Plan policies that will be superseded as a result of the adoption of the Local Plan 2016:2036.	Not relevant to SA.