

Core Strategy and Development Plan

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Statement forms part of the evidence base for the Sunderland's Core Strategy and Development Plan (hereafter referred to as 'the Plan'). It sets out Council's approach to compliance with the Duty to Co-operate in the production of the Plan and identifies how the outcomes of this cooperation have influenced the Plan. It also sets cooperation in the wider context of on-going relationships and delivery partnerships between local authorities and other key cross-boundary agencies.
- 1.2 The Duty to Cooperate was introduced by the Localism Act 2011 in the wake of the abolition of the regional and sub-regional tiers of planning. It places a duty on local planning authorities to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis to maximise the effectiveness of Local Plan preparation in the context of strategic cross boundary matters. The Local Planning Regulations 2012 (Part 2: Duty to Cooperate) prescribes which bodies are subject to the Act.
- 1.3 In addition to demonstrating that the Plan has been prepared in accordance with the duty to cooperate, local authorities must demonstrate how joint working has influenced policy outcomes within the plan in order for the plan to be found sound and legally compliant at examination.
- 1.4 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (2012) prescribes guidance in paragraphs 178 to 181 in regard to the Duty to Cooperate. It expects that public bodies should diligently work together on areas of common interest and strategic priority for the "*mutual benefit of neighbouring authorities*". Paragraph 156 identifies a list of strategic priorities that are expected to cross administrative boundaries and will require collaborative working to meet development objectives that cannot be met wholly within one administrative boundary when writing development plan documents. These priorities include:
 - *"The homes and jobs needed in the area;*
 - *The provision of retail, leisure and commercial development;*
 - *The provision of infrastructure for transport, telecommunications, waste management, water supply, wastewater, flood risk and coastal change management, and the provision of minerals and energy (including heat);*
 - *The provision of health, security, community and cultural infrastructure and other local facilities; and*
 - *Climate change mitigation and adaptation, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment, including landscape."*
- 1.5 Whilst it is acknowledged that the Government published a revised NPPF in June 2018, as the CSDP is being submitted for examination during the transitional period, it will be determined against the 2012 Framework and associated Planning Practice Guidance (PPG). The references within this statement therefore relate to the 2012 NPPF and associated PPG.
- 1.6 Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) are expected to work collaboratively on strategic planning priorities in consultation with Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs), Local Nature Partnerships, private sector bodies and utility and infrastructure providers.
- 1.7 Paragraph 181 of the NPPF expects that LPAs must demonstrate evidence of having "*effectively cooperated to plan for issues with cross boundary impacts when their Local plans are submitted for examination*". Examples of evidence may include "*plans or evidence prepared as part of a joint committee, a memorandum of understanding or a jointly prepared strategy which is presented as evidence of an agreed position*". LPAs must demonstrate a

continuous process of engagement from inception to implementation which will result in a final position, where a plan is in place, to provide land and infrastructure necessary to support current and future levels of development.

- 1.8 The PPG was launched in March 2014 with the intention of making all planning guidance available in one place in a clear and easy-to-use form. It states that Local Planning Authorities must demonstrate how they have complied with the duty. If a Local Planning Authority cannot demonstrate that it has complied with the duty then the local plan will not be able to proceed further in examination.
- 1.9 The PPG expands on the extent to which LPAs should cooperate. The duty to cooperate is not a 'duty to agree', but must demonstrate that planning authorities have made every effort to seek necessary agreements and cooperation over strategic planning matters prior to submitting the plan for examination.
- 1.10 Should another authority or organisation subject to the duty not cooperate on strategic cross-boundary issues, it must be demonstrated with comprehensive and robust evidence that efforts have been made to cooperate and any outcomes achieved.
- 1.11 Where LPAs are at different stages of local plan preparation, the PPG advises that the respective LPAs should try to enter into formal agreements, demonstrating their long-term commitment to a jointly agreed strategy on cross boundary matters. The key element is that there is sufficient certainty through the agreements that an effective strategy will be in place for strategic matters when the plans are adopted.
- 1.12 The Localism Act 2011 states that the duty-to-cooperate:
 - Relates to a 'strategic matter' defined as sustainable development or use of land that has or would have a significant impact on at least two local planning areas or on a planning matter that falls within the remit of a county council
 - Requires that councils and public bodies 'engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis' in the preparation of development plan documents, and
 - Requires councils to consider joint approaches to plan-making.
- 1.13 The planning authorities to which the duty most directly applies in the case of Sunderland are identified below:
 - Gateshead Council
 - South Tyneside Council
 - Durham Council
 - Northumberland County Council
 - Newcastle City Council
 - North Tyneside Council
- 1.14 The applicable statutory bodies identified in Part 2 of the Town & County Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) include:
 - The Environment Agency
 - Historic England
 - Natural England
 - The Civil Aviation Authority
 - The Homes and Communities Agency (now called Homes England)
 - Clinical Commissioning Groups
 - Office for Rail Regulation
 - Highways England

- The Marine Management Organisation
- Integrated Transport Authority (Nexus)
- Highways Authority (i.e. Sunderland City Council).
- Local Enterprise Partnerships

1.15 This statement demonstrates legal compliance with the Duty to Cooperate. It details the ongoing engagement and discussions between Sunderland City Council, its neighbouring LPAs and the prescribed bodies regarding strategic cross boundary issues and the outcomes that have been reached relative to the issues raised.

1.16 It is important to note that the Duty to Cooperate is not a duty to agree, but a duty to demonstrate that engagement and cooperation has taken place regarding strategic matters and to attempts to resolve strategic issues has been made wherever possible.

1.17 There is no prescribed approach to comply with the duty. Sunderland City Council will demonstrate compliance with the duty by way of providing evidence of continuous, constructive engagement through a number of different methods during the stages of preparation of the Core Strategy and Development Plan. This will include:

- *Consultation with prescribed bodies:* Sunderland City Council will demonstrate that it has engaged and cooperated with prescribed organisations and authorities identified in the 2012 Regulations and that it has complied with Regulations 18 & 19 of the 2012 Regulations in regard to consultation and its Statement of Community Involvement;
- *Regional working with LPAs:* Sunderland City Council will demonstrate engagement with its neighbouring LPAs at Director/Heads of Service level down to officer level, throughout the plans preparation; and there is also Member engagement on matters through the North East Combined Authority (NECA).
- *Cross boundary strategic priorities:* Sunderland City Council will demonstrate that consistent and ongoing cooperation has taken place, and will continue to take place in regard the strategic priorities and topics identified in paragraph 156 of the NPPF.

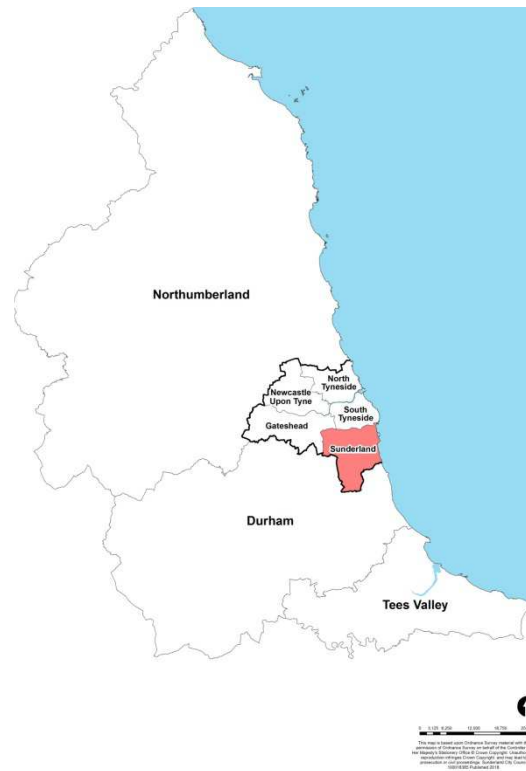
2. Strategic Context of the North East

2.1 The North East of England has a long history of successful joint working and collaborative plan-making. The revocation of the 2008 North East Regional Spatial Strategy in 2013 removed the statutory requirement for regional plan-making, however the region has retained the principles of positive cross-boundary collaboration to address strategic planning issues, and has several examples of jointly prepared development plan documents and evidence reports.

2.2 Sunderland City Council is bordered by three local authority areas: Durham County Council, Gateshead Council and South Tyneside Council. The city is within the North East Local LEP, which covers a further three local authority areas: Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council, and Northumberland County Council. Collaboration between the seven local authorities within the North East LEP area is strong, with the area sharing several key characteristics for plan-making relating to housing market and economic development functions, in addition to strategically significant infrastructure assets. As a result, this statement focuses on the relationship between Sunderland City Council and the six other local authority areas within the North East LEP area.

2.3 Figure 1 shows the regional context. The authorities which make up the Tyne and Wear sub-region are outlined in bold, with the surrounds authority areas of Northumberland and Durham comprising the remainder of the LEP area. To the south of the North East LEP area is the Tees Valley which has its own LEP. It is not considered that Sunderland shares any duty to cooperate issues with the authorities within the Tees Valley LEP and therefore they have not been included within this statement.

Figure 1 Map of North East Region



Housing and Economy

2.4 The North East LEP area has a population of almost 2 million residents (Mid-2017 Population Estimates), with 1.24 million / 63% of residents being of working age (aged between 16-64). Around 950,000 residents in the region are economically active, and the region accommodates around 880,000 jobs. Population and jobs are spread across the region, with a higher density of development within the five Tyne and Wear Local Authority areas (Gateshead Council, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council, South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council), Durham City, and south east Northumberland.

Table 1 Summary population and jobs data for North East authorities

	Area (km²)	Population	Workplace jobs
County Durham	2,232	523,700	194,000
Gateshead	144	202,400	103,000
Newcastle upon Tyne	115	295,800	196,000
North Tyneside	85	204,500	90,000
Northumberland	5,078	319,000	124,000
South Tyneside	67	149,600	48,000
Sunderland	139	277,200	128,000
Total	7,862	1,972,200	884,000

- 2.5 The LEP covers an area of around 7,900km², and as such several discrete housing market areas can be identified, often reflecting the administrative boundaries of the constituent local authorities. Nonetheless, there are several instances of housing market areas which cross administrative boundaries. Emerging and adopted Local Plans have responded to evidence of housing market areas, either by preparing joint planning documents, or through cross-boundary cooperation on identifying and planning to meet housing needs. The local authorities' most recent SHMAs consider a range of relevant information, including travel to work areas, house prices and affordability and patterns of household migration to define housing market areas. The SHMAs conclude that:
- Sunderland can be considered to represent an appropriate housing market area;
 - County Durham represents an appropriate housing market area for the purposes of Local Plan policy making;
 - Gateshead and Newcastle are considered to share a housing market area. Newcastle is also part of a housing market area with North Tyneside;
 - North Tyneside is part of a wider housing market area that includes Newcastle and Northumberland;
 - Northumberland can be described as a largely self-contained housing market area. The 2015 Northumberland SHMA recognises four housing market areas within Northumberland, and also acknowledges the relationship between Northumberland and neighbouring areas, in particular North Tyneside, Newcastle, Gateshead, Durham, Carlisle, and the Scottish Borders;
 - The 2013 South Tyneside SHMA considers South Tyneside to represent a self-contained housing market area in terms of migration, which forms part of a wider functional housing market area which extends into Sunderland, Newcastle and Gateshead in terms of travel to work.
- 2.6 There is no standard approach to defining a functional economic area. PPG (Paragraph: 012 Reference ID: 2a-012-20140306) suggests it is possible to define them by taking into account factors including:
- The extent of any Local Enterprise Partnership
 - Travel to work areas
 - Housing market areas
 - Flow of goods, services and information within the local economy
 - Service market for consumers
 - Administrative area
 - Catchment areas of facilities providing cultural and social well-being
 - Transport network
- 2.7 It should be recognised that functional economic market areas vary according to economic sectors, due to the heterogeneous nature of local economies. For the purposes of planning

for strategic economic growth objectives and investment into the region it may be appropriate to consider the North East LEP area, comprising the seven north east local authorities. The influence of the local labour market may be best represented through consideration of travel to work areas. However, when considering the supply of commercial sites and premises (particularly in terms of meeting the needs of smaller and locally-based operators) it can be appropriate to consider smaller geographical scales.

- 2.8 The Sunderland Employment Land Review (2016)¹ identifies Sunderland as demonstrating a reasonably high level of self-containment with regard to its Functional Economic Market Area, but also extending into parts of Gateshead, South Tyneside and County Durham.
- 2.9 Given the complexities in understanding economic development needs (and opportunities), the approach taken by the local authorities in the LEP area has been to assess quantitative needs for employment land (B1, B2 and B8 uses) at the local authority level as a starting point. Where there is evidence of sector, or location specific cross-boundary implications, local authorities have worked together to develop an understanding of business needs, and identify suitable and available sites capable of accommodating development. Examples of this include the identification of commonalities in the demand for office premises in the Gateshead and Newcastle Urban Core, and the shared approach to identifying sites within the Gateshead and Newcastle Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan. In 2017 South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council adopted a jointly prepared Area Action Plan for an International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP): a 150ha cross-boundary strategic employment allocation on former Green Belt land in the two local authority areas. The allocation seeks to meet demand from businesses operating in the automotive and advanced manufacturing sectors on land to the north of Sunderland's Nissan car plant, close to the A19.
- 2.10 In 2014 the North East LEP² published a Strategic Economic Plan that seeks to deliver 100,000 more and better jobs by 2024. The adopted and emerging Local Plans of the seven north east local authorities aim to support the SEP's objectives and set out ambitious plans for growth. The allocation of employment sites in Local Plan documents complements the North East Enterprise Zones, which comprise of a collection of 21 sites across the region that offer opportunities for a wide range of development, and benefit from arrangements that help with up-front investment and the timely development of facilities.

Transport

- 2.11 The North East LEP area is a well-defined region with a transport network which consists of strategic road and rail links, plus an extensive network of local roads, bus and local rail/Metro services. There are two north-south corridors, one along the coast and the other further inland. The inland corridor includes the A1 and the East Coast Main Line, providing the link between Scotland and the south. The coastal corridor includes the A19 and Durham Coast rail line. Effective transport networks are a key to economic growth and opportunity for all, providing access to jobs and facilities for all sections of society and in promoting sustainable patterns of activity, development and movement within the Region and beyond.

¹[https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/media/20880/SD-37-Sunderland-Employment-Land-Review-2016-pdf/SD.37_Sunderland_Employment_Land_Review_\(2016\).pdf?m=636802955306300000](https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/media/20880/SD-37-Sunderland-Employment-Land-Review-2016-pdf/SD.37_Sunderland_Employment_Land_Review_(2016).pdf?m=636802955306300000)

²[https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/media/20933/SP-33-More-and-Better-Jobs-The-North-East-Strategic-Economic-Plan-2017-pdf/SP.33_More_and_Better_Jobs_The_North_East_Strategic_Economic_Plan_\(2017\).pdf?m=636803133284870000](https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/media/20933/SP-33-More-and-Better-Jobs-The-North-East-Strategic-Economic-Plan-2017-pdf/SP.33_More_and_Better_Jobs_The_North_East_Strategic_Economic_Plan_(2017).pdf?m=636803133284870000)

2.12 The North East Combined Authority produced a transport manifesto in 2016 which acknowledged the importance of working together to meet people's needs in the context of transport networks that cross council boundaries. A unified approach is advocated to the consideration of applications which impinge on neighbouring areas, and on the approach to public transport corridors. Councils need to make sure that development and regeneration plans are transport friendly and take into account the ability to interchange between different forms of transport. A revised draft Transport Plan for the area comprising the two combined authorities is being prepared and will be consulted on by NECA.

Environment

2.13 The built and natural environment together are recognised as one of the Region's key assets. Protecting, creating, restoring and maintaining high quality and attractive environments should be integral considerations in decisions on development. The North East is rich in biodiversity and geodiversity. It contains many of the UK's most important habitats, species and geological features, and includes the Durham Coast Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Northumbria Coast Special Protection Area (SPA) and the Northumberland National Park. The conservation of biodiversity, and the natural resources on which we all depend, is a key element of sustainable development, and it is important that these are not seen in isolation but are considered as an integral part of the nature conservation resource across the Region.

2.14 The LEP area is covered by two wildlife trusts: Durham Wildlife Trust and Northumberland Wildlife Trust, which play an active role in shaping policies and projects in the area, and support cross-boundary cooperation on issues that affect biodiversity assets. The Durham Biodiversity Action Plan, Newcastle and North Tyneside Biodiversity Action Plan, and Northumberland Biodiversity Action Plan identify priority habitats and species in the region. The Local Biodiversity Action Plans are delivered through partnerships that involve wildlife organisations, local authorities, businesses and other interested parties.

2.15 Local wildlife partnerships and catchment partnerships inform cross-boundary cooperation on biodiversity assets and water quality, often contributing to maintaining, providing, or enhancing green infrastructure assets in the area. Adopted and emerging Local Plan documents identify strategic wildlife corridors and other environmental assets that cross administrative boundaries. Local Plans also identify and protect areas of high landscape quality, with cross-boundary implications taken into account.

2.16 Across the region a number of catchment-based partnerships (Tyne, Wear and Tees) work collaboratively at a river catchment scale to deliver cross-cutting improvements to the water environment. The catchment partnerships help to manage flood risk and to deliver wider environmental benefits such as enhancing wildlife and habitats, and improving water quality in accordance with the Northumbria River Basin Management Plan. The partnerships are made up of a range of organisations including: the Environment Agency, Northumbrian Water, Rivers Trusts, Wildlife Trusts, Groundwork, Natural England, Local Nature Partnerships and local authorities.

2.17 The North east includes the Tyne and Wear Green Belt which extends across the five Tyne and Wear authorities, as well as parts of Northumberland and County Durham (see Figure 2). There is no Green Belt designation within the Tees Valley area. The Green Belt in Sunderland was originally established in the 1960's and forms part of the Tyne and Wear Green Belt, which was later formalised in the Tyne and Wear County Structure Plan 1978. The area of Green Belt in each local authority area is shown in Table 2:

Figure 2 Tyne & Wear Green Belt

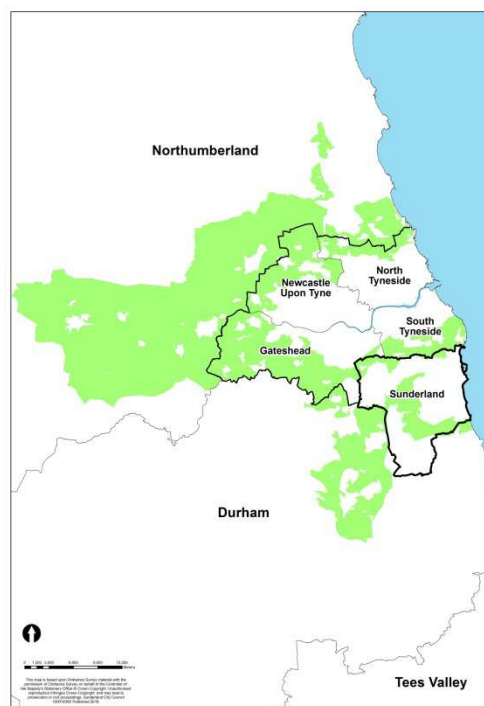


Table 2 Area of Tyne and Wear Green Belt by local authority

Local Authority	Area in Hectares	Percentage of local authority area designated as Green Belt
Durham	8,730	3.9
Gateshead	8,540	60.0
Newcastle upon Tyne	3,980	35.1
North Tyneside	1,660	20.2
Northumberland	43,610	8.7
South Tyneside	2,420	37.6
Sunderland	3,400	24.7

Minerals and Waste

2.18 Within Northumberland, Durham and Tyne and Wear, the geology gives rise to the following aggregate resources:

- **Carboniferous limestone** – Found in the West of County Durham along the sides of Weardale and to the south of Barnard Castle. In Northumberland it is extracted from the Great Limestone resource and is also found alongside the Whin Sill.
- **Permian magnesian limestone** – This resource underlies the majority of the east of County Durham and also occurs in South Tyneside and Sunderland in Tyne and Wear.
- **Igneous rock** – In Northumberland the Whin Sill is an important resource that outcrops in the south and west of the county and in the north of the county around Longhoughton and Belford. In County Durham this resource outcrops in Upper Teesdale.
- **Sand and gravel (superficial deposits)** – Fluvial, glacial and beach and blown sand deposits are found in the Joint LAA area, including the major river valleys such as Breamish, Coquet and Till in Northumberland, the River Tyne in Gateshead and Northumberland and the River Wear and River Tees in County Durham.
- **Sand (bedrock deposits)** – Basal Permian sand is found in County Durham and Sunderland and outcrops intermittently along the magnesian limestone escarpment

2.19 Aggregates are also supplied from the following sources with the Joint LAA area:

- **Marine dredged sand and gravel** – Landed at the Port of Blyth in Northumberland, at sites on the River Tyne and at the Port of Sunderland.
- **Imports of rock by sea** – Landed Port of Blyth in Northumberland, at sites on the River Tyne and at the Port of Sunderland. This is sourced from Scotland and Norway.
- **Recycled and secondary aggregates** – Main sources of recycled and secondary aggregates within the Joint LAA area are construction and demolition waste and ash from Lynemouth Power Station in Northumberland.

Health

2.19 Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) were created following the Health and Social Care Act in 2012, and replaced Primary Care Trusts on 1 April 2013. They are clinically-led statutory NHS bodies responsible for the planning and commissioning of health care services for their local area.

2.20 Within the North East LEP area, there are a total of seven local CCGs, as detailed below:

- Northumberland;
- North Tyneside;
- Newcastle Gateshead;
- South Tyneside;
- Sunderland;
- North Durham; and
- Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield

2.21 As part of the reforms brought about by the Health and Social Care Act, each local authority became responsible for Public Health within their respective areas. Local Authorities work closely with the respective CCGs through health and wellbeing boards.

3. Duty to Cooperate between Seven Local Authorities

3.1 Regional co-operation has been essential to mitigate the impacts or resolve strategic cross boundary preparing Local Plan in the North East. Engagement has been consistent, continuous and open with neighbouring authorities since the introduction of the Duty to Cooperate.

Status of Local Plan

3.2 Each authority in the North East are at different stages in plan preparation as set out below in Table 3.

Table 3 Table of Local Plan Progress in North East LEP Area

Local Plan	Status	Adoption Date
Sunderland's Local Plan		
Core Strategy and Development Plan		Expected 2019
Allocation and Designation Plan		Expected 2021
IAMP Area Action Plan		Adopted 2017
Durham Local Plan		Expected 2020
South Tyneside Local Plan		Expected 2021
IAMP Area Action Plan		Adopted 2017
Gateshead Local Plan		
Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan		Adopted 2015
Making Spaces for Growing Places		Expected 2019
Newcastle Local Plan		
Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan		Adopted 2015
Development and Allocations Plan		Expected 2019
North Tyneside Local Plan		Adopted 2017
Northumberland Local Plan		Expected 2020

3.3 As can be seen above, some authorities are preparing a single Local Plans, whilst others are preparing several Local Plan documents which when adopted will all form part of their respective Local Plans.

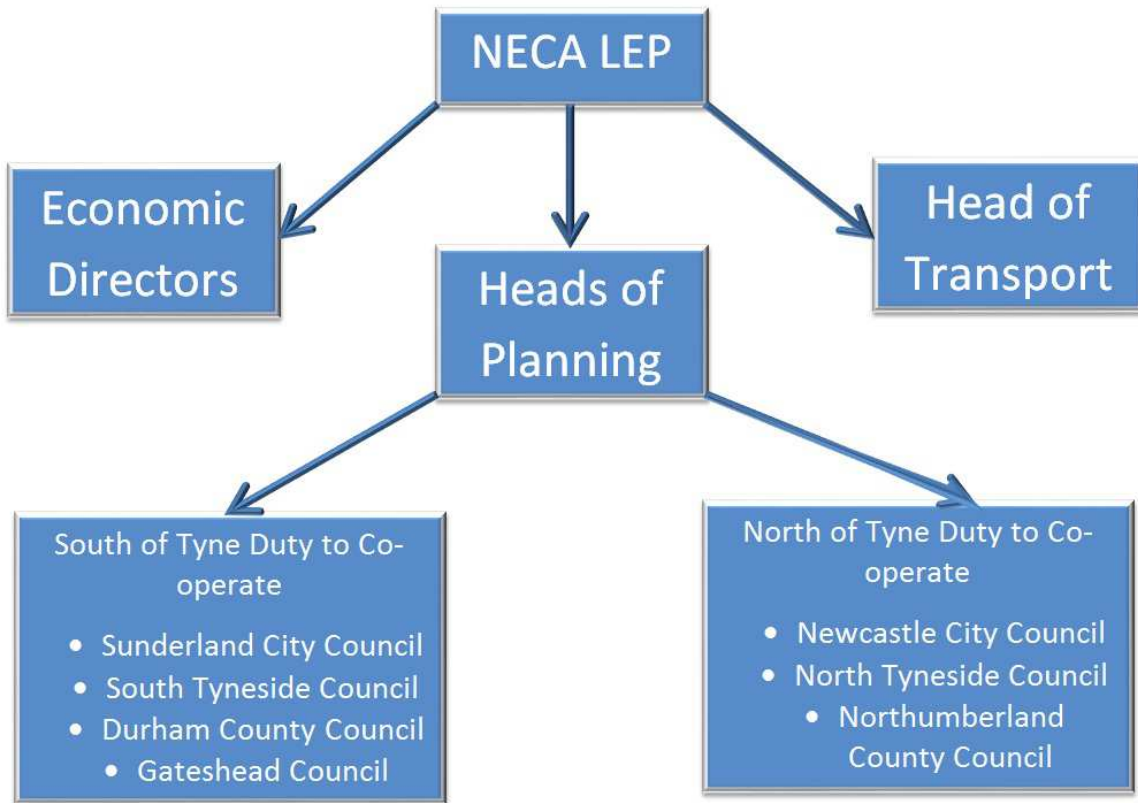
Working together to meet the Duty

3.4 Following the Localism Act, one of the first key products from the Heads of Planning Group was the preparation of a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (Appendix 1). This sets out the agreed approaches for working together on strategic planning matters. It was formally adopted by this Council in November 2013. It has been formally agreed by the other six north east Councils and was formally signed off by both the Chief Executives and Leaders & Elected Mayors groups in June 2014. A signed copy of the MOU is attached at Appendix 1. The MOU demonstrates intentions of the seven Councils to work together to meet the requirements of the Duty. It builds on the existing strong foundation of joint working, extending this to a range of statutory agencies and other organisations including neighbouring planning authorities that share boundaries.

Governance

3.5 With the introduction of the Duty, it has cemented those arrangements for multi-lateral working on strategic planning issues within these new governance arrangements. Figure 3 illustrates a simplified profile for the arrangements of how these work in practice.

Figure 3 Governance Arrangements



3.6 To sustain strong leadership and partnership working on cross boundary issues, this Council attends the North East Heads of Planning Meetings which have met on at least a quarterly basis since January 2012. The Duty remains a standing item on each agenda and is a key way of sharing best practice on strategic and procedural planning matters. Representation at this Group is not solely restricted to the Heads of Planning. The above structure allows for the cross cutting themes to be considered and these meetings have included representatives from Heritage England, the North East LEP the NE Heads of Transport and the Local Nature Partnerships. The Heads of Planning Group reports through to the Economic Directors Group and then onwards to the Chief Executives and NECA Leadership Board (comprising the seven Leaders and Elected Mayors).

3.7 In parallel with the formation of the Heads of Planning Group, two Policy Officer Working Groups have been meeting since 2012 to deal with the more detailed strategic planning matters. These groups are organised as below and are similarly designed to meet quarterly in order to feed into the Heads of Planning meetings.

Table 4 Sub-Regional Policy Officer Working Groups

North of Tyne	South of Tyne
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Newcastle City Council
Northumberland County Council
North Tyneside Council

Durham County Council
South Tyneside Council
Gateshead Council
Sunderland City Council

3.8 Whilst these Groups largely reflect functional geographic areas, this does not necessarily mean that the cooperation is solely restricted to between those constituent authorities. At the local level, there are specific bi-lateral working arrangements through which this Council cooperates on strategic matters with South Tyneside. The seven local authorities meet as and when needed to discuss strategic planning matters.

North of Tyne Devolution

3.9 Since agreeing the MOU, the North of Tyne have signed a devolution deal. The order to create the North of Tyne Combined Authority and devolution deal, for the Authorities of Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside and Northumberland was confirmed by Parliament on 1 November 2018. An interim Mayor has been appointed with a view to elections for the North of Tyne Mayor to be held in May 2019.

3.10 The North of Tyne Combined Authority is supported by a £600 million devolution deal over a 30 year period to enable investment to drive growth and take forward the areas economic priorities. Accelerating housing delivery forms part of the proposed objectives identified and is one of a number of key projects / actions identified. The North of Tyne Economic Vision sets out the key components of the deal including:

- Projects to support a high quality inclusive education system.
- Powers to develop land for economic growth and regeneration.
- Projects that increase the growth and productivity of our rural communities.
- Working better with Government to boost trade and investment.
- Projects to grow our digital sector and low-carbon economy.
- A joint committee to manage public transport across the North East.
- Enhancing the areas tourism industry.

3.11 It is strongly recognised within the above governance structure that local plans must respond to wider regional and sub-regional strategies and actions that need not be led by the respective local planning authorities. There are a wide range of wider technical working groups from both planning and non-planning disciplines who's activities have further influenced how this Plan has addressed particular strategic issues. Examples of this include :

- North East Minerals and Waste Policy Officers Group;
- North East Aggregates Working Party ;
- Heritage Partnership
- N2K Liaison Group
- NECA Regional Transport Group
- North East Joint Transport Committee

Working together going forward

3.12 The Council recognises that compliance with the Duty does not simply stop at the point its Local Plan is adopted – the next phase will be to ensure the delivery of the Plan's policies and proposals and beyond that, to review the Plan (in full or part).

3.13 Within the Region, the programme for the adoption of the respective local plans is not uniform. So whilst some Plans have or will shortly be adopted, others are programmed to

advance over the next two years. Ensuring Plans remain up to date may also trigger formal reviews which do not necessarily align to the timetables of neighbouring authorities – this could mean that plans cover different timescales and baseline evidence is not always aligned to those timeframes or the methodologies are not aligned. If left unmanaged, this can lead to an uncoordinated delivery programme that will undermine the individual and collective strategies and objectives of each Plan (and ultimately the Region). In response, the Duty obligates each to work collaboratively on an “*ongoing basis*” to reduce these risks of this occurring.

- 3.14 Fulfilling the requirements of the Duty so far has helped this Council to build a good understanding of the key issues and build on the strong multi-lateral working relationships already in place across the Region – these will be essential to the successful delivery of the Plan and those of the wider North East.
- 3.15 Therefore, this Council (including those of the wider north east region), the Prescribed Bodies and other key agencies remain committed to working together at both a regional and sub-regional level) in terms of :
- Monitoring the effectiveness of implementing this Plan (and those of its neighbours) ;
 - Jointly, developing evidence and sharing information;
 - Exploring ways to deliver mutually beneficial solutions to cross boundary issues; and
 - Ensuring there continues to be an alignment of investment plans and delivery strategies of partner organisations.
- 3.16 This will ensure that the future impacts of sustainable growth are identified and addressed at the earliest possible opportunity together with a programme for the delivery of the corresponding infrastructure requirements.

4. Duty to Cooperate with Each Authority

Sunderland City Council and Gateshead Council

Governance and Working Arrangements

- South of Tyne Duty To Cooperate Meetings
- Heads of Planning Meetings
- Gateshead and Sunderland Working Group Meetings
- Economic Directors Meetings
- NECA Regional Transport Group
- North East Joint Transport Committee
- South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Partnership

Duty to Cooperate Meetings

See Appendix 2

Key issue and outcomes

Need for Green Belt Release

Issue: Whether Gateshead Council are able to accommodate some of Sunderland's objectively assessed housing needs without Green Belt release.

Outcome: Once it became clear that Sunderland City Council would be unable to meet its objectively assessed housing needs in full without Green Belt release, the Council wrote a letter to all neighbouring authorities including Gateshead Council to ascertain whether they would be able to accommodate this growth within their own area without the need to release their own Green Belt (Appendix 3). Gateshead Council formally responded to advise that they would not be able to accommodate any of Sunderland's housing need without Green Belt incursion (Appendix 4).

Working together in the future: The two authorities will continue to liaise regarding Green Belt approaches and on any issues that impact on the neighbouring authorities, including discussions around unmet housing need.

Impact to Green Belt strategic gap

Issue: Impact of Housing Growth Areas on strategic gap between Gateshead and Washington.

Outcome: At Growth Options Consultation stage, Gateshead Council did not agree with the findings/methodology of the Green Belt Review which concluded that land parcels around Nissan, Springwell Village and Usworth could potentially be released from the Green Belt if exceptional circumstances indicated that Green Belt release was required. Gateshead Council considered that these sites would sever wildlife corridors and begin to merge settlements and that insufficient weight had been given, in the scoring mechanism, to the purpose of the Green Belt in accordance with national guidance in separating the major conurbations of Tyneside, on the one hand, and Sunderland and Washington/Birtley/Chester-le-Street on the other.

At Draft Plan Consultation stage, Gateshead Council put forward that the Housing Release Sites around Springwell Village threatened to merge the built up areas of Springwell, Washington, and Gateshead and endanger the integrity of the Green Belt. Duty to Cooperate discussions have taken place to discuss the potential impacts in more detail. At Publication Draft Consultation, Gateshead Council has maintained its concern that the Housing Growth Areas around Springwell Village and North Washington will narrow the strategic gap provided by the Green Belt between these areas and the built up areas within Gateshead's boundary – particularly HGA1 South West Springwell and Eighton Banks, which is within the Green Belt but has a settlement envelope, but

also between the main conurbations.

Meetings have taken place to discuss this matter further, discussing in more detail the impact to the strategic gap whereby it was acknowledged that the impact is only slight in some areas, and that to the north of Usworth Hall it was agreed that both local authorities were planning to reduce the Green Belt gap, though in Gateshead's case by the strategic allocation of employment land at South Follingsby in the adopted Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan, rather than for housing. The Green Belt Boundary Report was also discussed, and there was agreement that the remaining Green Belt boundaries (proposed for retention) provided strong and durable boundaries that should be protected in full. Despite these acknowledgements, both parties continue to hold different views, with Gateshead Council retaining their concern that any site in this part of the Green Belt (including the safeguarded land at Springwell Village) will impact on the strategic gap (which in their view comprises the overall gap between Gateshead and Washington, with Springwell Village an anomaly of development within this wider corridor). Sunderland Council considers that there are 2 corridors (either side of Springwell Village). Despite every effort, it has not been possible to reach agreement on this matter.

Working together in the future: The two authorities will continue to liaise regarding any proposed changes to the Green Belt in this area, and work towards a joint agreement.

Impact from Safeguarded Land to the east of Washington:

Issue: Gateshead Council questions whether there are exceptional circumstances to safeguard land beside IAMP and request clearer justification if this area is to be released for development.

Outcome: Meetings have taken place to discuss this matter further, particularly with regards to Sunderland Council's approach to the objectively assessed housing needs, justification for the need for safeguarded land, the exceptional circumstances for Green Belt deletion, and to discuss the site's wider environmental and infrastructure impacts. Both parties agree that there are significant infrastructure and environmental impacts to overcome, particularly in relation to the need to safeguard the strategic GI corridors, to biodiversity and in relation to the impact to the River Don. However, different views are maintained regarding overall need for the site. It is recognised that the site is not allocated for development within this plan and can only be released through a review of the plan.

Working together in the future: The two authorities will continue to liaise regarding any proposed changes to the Green Belt in this area, and work towards a joint agreement.

Impact to Green infrastructure, biodiversity and the River Don

Issue: Impact on strategic wildlife corridor on the Gateshead/Sunderland boundary, and impact to the River Don and to biodiversity.

Outcome: At the Growth Options Consultation stage, Gateshead Council was concerned that potential development within the Green Belt would sever intra-district wildlife corridors and impact on protected/priority species and protected habitat. Gateshead Council was particularly keen to ensure joint working on the River Don corridor to improve flood management, water quality, and ecological connectivity and to support the River Don Partnership Vision. At Draft Plan Consultation stage, Gateshead Council stated that the Core Strategy, together with key Housing Release Sites, should recognise the River Don and have regard to the integrated management of the River and the River Don Catchment Partnership.

Duty-to-Cooperate discussions have taken place to discuss the potential impacts in more detail. Development Frameworks have been prepared for each of the sites, and these have informed CSDP

Policy SS2 in relation to any impact to GI and wildlife corridors and to biodiversity, including specific reference to HGA4 in addressing flooding and biodiversity issues along the Usworth Burn corridor, which leads into the River Don. It has been broadly acknowledged that a specific strategic policy relating to the River Don would be impractical, given that no other rivers (including the River Wear) are addressed in such a way. It is acknowledged that the responses received by Gateshead Council for the Publication Draft Consultation focused more generally on the impact to the strategic Green Infrastructure gap between Gateshead and Washington, which Gateshead also states is part of a wildlife corridor between Tyneside and Wearside extending from the coast to the countryside south and west, respectively, of those conurbations, with no direct reference made to biodiversity or the River Don. It is therefore considered that this issue has been satisfactorily addressed.

With regard to biodiversity, officers from the South of Tyne authorities have worked together to prepare a standard policy for use within all authorities emerging Local Plans. This ensures a consistency of approach across the South of Tyne for any applicants submitting planning applications which are likely to have impacts upon biodiversity.

Working together in the future: The two authorities will continue ongoing dialogue with regards to these cross-boundary issues.

Landscape Character

Issue: The need for Sunderland's emerging Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) to synergise with neighbouring authority approaches.

Outcome: Liaison took place throughout 2015 with neighbouring authorities and with the cross-boundary Limestone Landscapes Partnership to ensure that a 'best-fit' approach to assessing landscape character was found. The Sunderland LCA was able in particular to build on work already undertaken by Durham County Council which had examined landscape character areas and typologies in a sub-regional setting. The methodology undertaken also carefully reviewed the South Tyneside Landscape Character Study (2012), the Landscape Character Assessment for Gateshead Council (2007), the 2008 County Durham Landscape Character Assessment and the 2010 Limestone Landscapes Character Framework. This ensured that Sunderland City Council was able to develop a characterisation which met the needs of the city, while ensuring an agreed cross-boundary approach with neighbour authorities.

Working together in the future: The two authorities will continue ongoing dialogue with regards to these cross-boundary issues.

Housing Need

Issue:

Sunderland housing need and the methodology used to calculate the housing requirement within the CSDP.

Outcome:

It is agreed that Sunderland is a self-contained housing market area and therefore it is appropriate for Sunderland City Council to identify the objectively assessed housing needs for the city.

Throughout the preparation of the CSDP, Gateshead Council have expressed concerns regarding proposals to uplift the housing requirement above the demographic baseline to support economic growth. In particular, concerns were raised regarding the impact of the proposals on migration flows with Gateshead Council and the delivery of their adopted Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan (CSUCP).

In response to the concerns raised, duty-to-cooperate meetings have been held between both authorities to discuss how the housing requirement has been calculated and the inputs involved. Gateshead Council understood the reasons for Sunderland City Council providing an uplift to their housing requirement and support an uplift to support the IAMP. It was agreed however that further work on the potential impacts of IAMP would be required.

The calculation of the Council's objectively assessed housing need set out within the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) Addendum (2018) simplifies the calculation of housing need by only applying one economic uplift to the demographic baseline, which includes the impact of the IAMP. This ensures that the economic uplift to support the IAMP is not double-counted, but also ensures that the calculation is easier to understand.

Gateshead Council acknowledge Sunderland City Council's economic uplift to its demographic baseline in order to support economic growth and in particular, the IAMP as part of its identified housing need.

Working together in the future:

The Councils will continue to work constructively with each other with regard to housing need, including further impact assessment work for the IAMP and the implications for Gateshead's Local Plan Review, with input from Gateshead Council as further evidence becomes available.

IAMP

Issue:

To take into consideration the impacts of the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP).

Outcome:

Sunderland City Council and South Tyneside Council worked together on the preparation of the IAMP Area Action Plan (AAP) which allocates 150 hectares of land for automotive and advanced manufacturing uses. The AAP was adopted by both authorities in November 2017 and now forms part of the adopted development plan for both areas.

In order to understand the potential impacts of the IAMP, several impact papers were prepared jointly by Sunderland City Council and South Tyneside Council, which were submitted as part of the evidence base for the AAP. The original impact papers were published in 2015, but were later updated in 2016 as more evidence became available.

Gateshead Council have made representations to Sunderland City Council regarding the approach undertaken for the Housing Impact Paper and meetings were held to discuss these representations. In response to the issues raised, the updated Housing Impact Paper sought to consider the anticipated multiplier effects of the IAMP, in addition to the direct jobs created on the site.

Sunderland City Council have included an uplift to the demographic baseline within its housing requirement to support economic growth, including the IAMP.

Due to the regional significance of the IAMP, Sunderland City Council are committed to undertaking further impact work, as the development progresses and more evidence is available regarding the potential impacts. The Council will also involve other authorities in the preparation of the updated impact papers, in particular Gateshead and Durham County Council.

The Councils are working with Nexus to help deliver the AAP policy in relation to providing public

transport access to the IAMP.

Working together in the future:

The Council will undertake further impact assessment work, with input from Gateshead Council as further evidence becomes available.

Economic Growth

Issue:

Working together to support economic growth across the North East LEP area

Outcome:

Sunderland forms part of the North East LEP area alongside Durham County Council, Gateshead Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council, Newcastle City Council and South Tyneside Council. Sunderland City Council is represented on the LEP board, as are the other constituent local authorities, and help to feed into the priorities set out within the Strategic Economic Plan.

The LEP are instrumental in prioritising investment within the area and bidding for Government funding. The LEP have also successfully bid for a number of Enterprise Zones across the LEP Area. When preparing the Employment Land Review, a workshop was held with local stakeholders including officers from neighbouring authorities to ensure that any cross boundary issues were addressed.

Working together in the future:

The Council will continue to work together with neighbouring authorities to support economic growth across the North East LEP area.

Waste

Issue:

Management of waste streams across the sub-region.

Outcome:

The Council works collaboratively with neighbouring authorities on waste matters. The Council has progressed a joint approach to the procurement of waste services through the South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Partnership (STWWMP). The Partnership comprises of Sunderland City Council, Gateshead Council and South Tyneside Council who have collectively prepared the Joint Municipal Waste Strategy, which was published in October 2007. The strategy covers the period up to 2027, however the Council is committed to working strategically on waste matters beyond this period. The Partnership published a view of this strategy in 2012.

Sunderland has progressed a joint approach to the procurement of waste services, along with the other Councils in the STWWMP. Guided by the Joint Municipal Waste Strategy, the partnership has developed a longer-term strategic solution for the treatment and disposal of residual municipal waste. A contract has been secured for the city's residual municipal waste to be treated at a new Energy from Waste Facility at Haverton Hill in Teesside.

The contract involved building an Energy from Waste facility which will burn the waste to create electricity. A new waste transfer facility station has also been granted consent and has been developed at Jack Crawford House depot, in Hendon. Both sites are now operational.

The contract commenced April 2014 and will run for 23 years. It provides for three waste transfer stations, with some limited front end recycling of bulky waste with the majority of residual

household waste transferred by bulk road haulage to a dedicated EFW facility at the Haverton Hill waste complex. The plant will be able to deal with up to 256,000 tonnes of waste each year and is capable of exporting 18.84MW of electricity to the national grid. The facility is supported by a Visitor and Education Centre at Gateshead's waste transfer facility, which is located within Sunderland's boundary at the Campground site in Springwell. This contract therefore ensures that there is sufficient capacity to manage municipal waste over the plan period.

Working together in the future:

The Council will continue to work closely with Gateshead Council on waste matters through the STWWMP

Minerals

Issue:

Ensuring an adequate and steady supply of minerals to meet local and wider needs.

Outcome:

The eight Mineral Planning Authorities in County Durham, Northumberland and Tyne and Wear (Durham County Council, Gateshead Council, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council, Northumberland National Park Authority, South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council) work collaboratively on aggregate minerals planning matters and work jointly to prepare an annual Local Aggregates Assessment. All of the aforementioned authorities also actively participate in the North East Aggregates Working Party alongside the five Tees Valley authorities and representatives of the industry. The Working Party publishes an Annual Aggregates Monitoring Report.

The Aggregates Working meet regularly (at least on an annual basis) to discuss strategic issues relating to aggregates. The North East authorities also participate in North East Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Officers Group meetings to discuss a range of strategic, cross boundary issues relating to minerals and the management of waste.

Working together in the future:

The Council will continue to work with the other North East authorities on minerals planning matters and participate in the operation of the North East Aggregates Working Party and participate in meetings of the North East Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Officers Group.

Transport

Issue: Strategic Transport issues including impacts of development upon the local road network.

Outcome:

At a regional level, the Council has been involved with the North East Combined Authority Regional Transport Group who meet on a monthly basis. The Council is also represented at the North East Joint Transport Committee (NEJTC), who meets monthly to discuss transport issues that require strategic decision taking within the north east. The North East Combined Authority is accountable for the NEJTC. The committee was established on 2 November 2018 and will continue to meet going forwards.

The Council are aware that neighbouring planning authorities including South Tyneside, Durham and Gateshead have all expressed the need for further dialogue regarding the potential impacts of development proposed within the plan on their respective transport networks. The Council have held several meetings with neighbouring authorities to discuss these matters and will continue to do so. The Council have shared its transport modelling work with neighbouring authorities as part of this exercise

Gateshead Council have expressed support at the inclusion of the Leamside Line within the Plan, which is consistent with the safeguarding of the route within Gateshead.

Working together in the future:

The Council will continue to work closely with neighbouring authorities on cross boundary transport matters through the NECA Regional Transport Group and the NEJTC.

Evidence

Joint Municipal Waste Strategy (2007)

Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy Review (2012)

Local Aggregates Assessment (2018)

Annual Aggregates Monitoring Report (2018)

Sunderland and South Tyneside Council

Governance and Working Arrangements

- South of Tyne Duty To Cooperate Meetings
- Heads of Planning Meetings
- South Tyneside and Sunderland Working Group Meetings
- IAMP Working Group Meetings
- Economic Directors Meetings
- NECA Regional Transport Group
- North East Joint Transport Committee
- N2K Working Group
- South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Partnership

Duty to Cooperate Meetings

See Appendix 2

Key issue and outcomes

Need for Green Belt Release

Issue:

Whether South Tyneside Council are able to accommodate some of Sunderland's objectively assessed housing needs without Green Belt release.

Outcome:

Once it became clear that Sunderland City Council would be unable to meet its objectively assessed housing needs in full without Green Belt release, Sunderland City Council wrote a letter (Appendix 3) to all neighbouring authorities including South Tyneside Council to ascertain whether they would be able to accommodate this growth within their own area without the need to release their own Green Belt. South Tyneside Council formally responded (Appendix 5) to advise that they would not be able to accommodate any of Sunderland's housing need without Green Belt incursion within its own authority area.

Working together in the future:

Given that South Tyneside is at a relatively early stage in preparing its new Local Plan, the two authorities will continue to liaise regarding Green Belt approaches and on any issues that impact on the neighbour authorities, including discussions around future unmet development need.

Green Belt Assessment and Methodology

Issue:

Ensuring a consistency of approach to Green Belt Assessments.

Outcome:

Sunderland City Council and South Tyneside Council worked closely together when establishing the methodology for their respective Green Belt Assessments. Ensuring a consistency of approach was particularly important given the joint work that was being undertaken on the preparation of the IAMP AAP which involved significant amendments to the Green Belt boundaries in each authority.

This resulted in very similar and compatible approaches being undertaken with regard to the Green Belt Assessments in each area.

Whilst South Tyneside Council had initially raised concern regarding the potential for development sites to impact on the strategic Green Infrastructure and wildlife gap between Sunderland and

South Tyneside. Meetings took place to discuss these matters, and South Tyneside Council put forward comments to the Publication Draft Plan that welcome the proposed Housing Growth and Regeneration Areas within North Sunderland and the policy requirements to maintain and strengthen the wildlife and green infrastructure corridors.

Working together in the future:

Sunderland City Council and South Tyneside Council will continue to work together to ensure the integrity of the Tyne and Wear Green Belt is retained.

Safeguarded Land to the east of Washington

Issue:

Impact of the proposed safeguarded land to the east of Washington, particularly in terms of traffic, ecology, flooding and impact to strategic green infrastructure corridor.

Outcome:

During Draft Plan Consultation and at Duty to Cooperate meetings in 2017, South Tyneside Council raised concern regarding the impact of the proposed safeguarded land to the east of Washington, particularly in terms of traffic, ecology, flooding and impact to strategic green infrastructure (GI) corridor.

The Council has carried out a further Green Belt review and boundary assessment and liaised further with South Tyneside Council. During the Publication Draft Consultation, South Tyneside Council stated that they did not object to the safeguarded land proposal but requested continued ongoing dialogue. It is recognised that the site is not allocated for development within this plan and can only be released through a review of the plan.

Working together in the future:

The two authorities will work closely to discuss how this site could come forward in the future and ensure that the impacts to Green Belt, strategic GI corridors, flood risk, road network and ecology are appropriately addressed.

Green infrastructure, biodiversity and the River Don

Issue:

Concern regarding the impact of the Safeguarded Land site to the east of Washington would have on area Green Infrastructure and biodiversity, and specifically on the River Don.

Outcome:

Whilst South Tyneside Council has not raised objection to specific HGA sites, it raised concern (at Draft Plan Consultation and at Duty to Cooperate meetings in 2017) regarding the impact to the safeguarded land site east of Washington, and how it would impact on the strategic GI and wildlife corridor, protected species and flood zones in the area (River Don). Their specific concern related to the potential impact to the Ecological Landscape Mitigation Area (ELMA) associated with the IAMP, and that the Safeguarded Land would ultimately need to respect this area and also provide appropriate ecological mitigation. At Publication Draft Consultation stage, South Tyneside Council's representations offered no specific observations, stating that they did not object to the safeguarded land proposal but requested ongoing dialogue relating to the inter-district GI and wildlife corridor and area ecology. Sunderland Council has carried out further Green Belt review and boundary assessment and liaised further with South Tyneside Council, noting that they do not object to the safeguarded land policy.

South Tyneside welcomed the requirement within the Plan for the Housing Growth Areas to maintain and strengthen the wildlife and GI corridors.

With regard to biodiversity, officers from the South of Tyne authorities have worked together to prepare a standard policy for use within all authorities emerging Local Plans. This ensures a consistency of approach across the South of Tyne for any applicants submitting planning applications which are likely to have impacts upon biodiversity.

Working together in the future:

The two authorities will continue ongoing dialogue with regards to GI and wildlife cross-boundary issues, and specifically in relation to the safeguarded land site.

Landscape Character

Issue:

The need for Sunderland's emerging Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) to synergise with neighbouring authority approaches.

Outcome:

Liaison took place throughout 2015 with neighbouring authorities and with the cross-boundary Limestone Landscapes Partnership to ensure that a 'best-fit' approach to assessing landscape character was found. The Sunderland LCA was able in particular to build on work already undertaken by Durham County Council which had examined landscape character areas and typologies in a sub-regional setting. The methodology undertaken also carefully reviewed the South Tyneside Landscape Character Study (2012), the Landscape Character Assessment for Gateshead Council (2007), the 2008 County Durham Landscape Character Assessment and the 2010 Limestone Landscapes Character Framework. This ensured that Sunderland City Council was able to develop a characterisation which met the needs of the city, while ensuring an agreed cross-boundary approach with neighbour authorities.

Working together in the future:

The two authorities will continue ongoing dialogue with regards to these cross-boundary issues.

Housing Need

Issue:

Sunderland housing need and the methodology used to calculate the housing requirement within the CSDP.

Outcome:

It is agreed that Sunderland is a self-contained housing market area and therefore it is appropriate for Sunderland City Council to identify the objectively assessed housing needs for the city.

South Tyneside acknowledge that Sunderland have applied an uplift to its housing need to support economic growth and recognise that a significant part of this uplift is to support the IAMP. It is agreed that additional work will be undertaken by both Council's to identify the potential impacts of the IAMP, as the scheme progresses. These impacts will be taken into consideration as part of future plans, when there is more certainty over the speed of delivery of the IAMP and evidence of its impacts is available.

Working together in the future:

The Council's will continue to work constructively with each other with regard to housing need, including further impact assessment work for the IAMP.

Gypsies and Travellers

Issue:

Establishing the Gypsy and Travelling Showpeople need and provision across both authorities.

Outcome:

Sunderland and South Tyneside have worked together to identify sufficient sites to accommodate the needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. Due to the transient nature of the latter and the existing travelling Showpeople communities that reside in both Sunderland and South Tyneside, provision of plots and pitches is a strategic cross boundary issue

Both authorities worked together to commission a Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Assessment (2014). This identified each authority's local needs. Sunderland City Council updated this assessment in 2017. The 2017 update covered the Sunderland administrative boundary only and was not a joint assessment undertaken with South Tyneside Council. South Tyneside Council took a decision not to progress a joint update, largely due to the different stages of the authorities in the plan making process and their not being a pressing need to undertake a review of their evidence base at that point in time.

The 2017 assessment identified a need for 33 Travelling Showpeople plots over the Plan Period, in order to accommodate the needs of the city's Travelling Showpeople community. With regards Gypsies and Travellers, the 2017 Assessment found no evidence of need for permanent pitches in Sunderland City over the Plan Period (to 2033). However, it did indicate a need for some form of stop-over provision to meet the needs of unauthorised encampment activity and recommended that a stop-over site of 5 pitches (to accommodate 10 caravans) be developed. The Plan allocates sites and broad locations for growth to meet Sunderland identified needs for Showpeople.

Working together in the future:

Sunderland City Council will continue to closely with South Tyneside Council on cross boundary flows of gypsy and traveller populations and may undertake joint needs assessments in future, if appropriate.

IAMP

Issue:

To take into consideration the impacts of the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP).

Outcome:

Sunderland City Council and South Tyneside Council worked together on the preparation of the IAMP Area Action Plan (AAP) which allocates 150 hectares of land for automotive and advanced manufacturing uses. The AAP was adopted by both authorities in November 2017 and now forms part of the adopted development plan for both areas. Both authorities are working constructively with the site promoter (IAMP LLP) to support the submission of the DCO for IAMP Two.

In order to understand the potential impacts of the IAMP, both authorities jointly prepared several impact papers, which were submitted as part of the evidence base for the AAP. The original impact papers were published in 2015, but were later updated in 2016 as more evidence became available.

Sunderland City Council has included an uplift to the demographic baseline within its housing requirement to support economic growth, including the IAMP.

As a cross boundary project, both Council's will continue to work closely together on the delivery of the IAMP and are committed to undertaking further impact work, as the development progresses and more evidence is available regarding the potential impacts. Both Council's will also involve other authorities in the preparation of the updated impact papers, in particular Gateshead and Durham County Council. [see earlier comment on housing need section – Neil Cole]

Working together in the future:

The Council's will continue to work together to secure the development of the IAMP through the joint IAMP AAP and undertake further impact assessment work, as further evidence becomes available.

Economic Growth

Issue:

Working together to support economic growth across the North East LEP area

Outcome:

Sunderland forms part of the North East LEP area alongside Durham County Council, Gateshead Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council, Newcastle City Council and South Tyneside Council. Sunderland City Council is represented on the LEP board, as are the other constituent local authorities, and help to feed into the priorities set out within the Strategic Economic Plan.

The LEP are instrumental in prioritising investment within the area and bidding for Government funding. The LEP have also successfully bid for a number of Enterprise Zones across the LEP Area. When preparing the Employment Land Review, a workshop was held with local stakeholders including officers from neighbouring authorities to ensure that any cross boundary issues were addressed.

Working together in the future:

The Council will continue to work together with neighbouring authorities to support economic growth across the North East LEP area.

Health

Issue:

Cross boundary health matters including proposals to merge health services between Sunderland and South Tyneside Hospitals

Outcome:

Health and Wellbeing is a strategic issue with cross boundary implications. The Council continue to work closely with neighbouring authorities on health and wellbeing issues, particularly with South Tyneside following the formation of the South Tyneside and Sunderland Healthcare Group who are committed to collaborating to transform health services across both communities.

During the consultation on the Draft CSDP, South Tyneside Council highlighted proposals to move some services from South Tyneside Hospital to Sunderland Hospital. Following a meeting between Council Officers from both authorities to discuss the representations, a meeting was arranged with the NHS to discuss the proposals.

The NHS advised that they were consulting on proposals to merge some consultant led services due to staffing issues across the area.

It was agreed that the NHS would ensure that both South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council would be informed of any future proposals to ensure that any impacts can be taken into consideration as part of their emerging plans.

South Tyneside Council were satisfied that this meeting adequately addressed the issues raised.

Working together in the future:

The Council will continue to liaise with NHS partners to ensure that any proposals to move services

between local authorities are taken into consideration as part of the plan making process.

Waste

Issue:

Management of waste streams across the sub-region.

Outcome:

The Council works collaboratively with neighbouring authorities on waste matters. The Council has progressed a joint approach to the procurement of waste services through the South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Partnership (STWWMP). The Partnership comprises of Sunderland City Council, Gateshead Council and South Tyneside Council who have collectively prepared the Joint Municipal Waste Strategy, which was published in October 2007. The strategy covers the period up to 2027, however the Council is committed to working strategically on waste matters beyond this period. The Partnership published a view of this strategy in 2012.

Sunderland has progressed a joint approach to the procurement of waste services, along with the other Councils in the STWWMP. Guided by the Joint Municipal Waste Strategy, the partnership has developed a longer-term strategic solution for the treatment and disposal of residual municipal waste. A contract has been secured for the city's residual municipal waste to be treated at a new Energy from Waste Facility at Haverton Hill in Teesside.

The contract involved building an Energy from Waste facility which will burn the waste to create electricity. A new waste transfer facility station has also been granted consent and has been developed at Jack Crawford House depot, in Hendon. Both sites are now operational.

The contract commenced April 2014 and will run for 23 years. It provides for three waste transfer stations, with some limited front end recycling of bulky waste with the majority of residual household waste transferred by bulk road haulage to a dedicated EFW facility at the Haverton Hill waste complex. The plant will be able to deal with up to 256,000 tonnes of waste each year and is capable of exporting 18.84MW of electricity to the national grid. The facility is supported by a Visitor and Education Centre at Gateshead's waste transfer facility, which is located within Sunderland's boundary at the Campground site in Springwell. This contract therefore ensures that there is sufficient capacity to manage municipal waste over the plan period.

In their representations to the Publication Draft Plan, South Tyneside specifically expressed support for Policy WWE6, which sets out the overarching strategy for waste management within the city.

Working together in the future:

The Council will continue to work closely with South Tyneside Council on waste matters through the STWWMP

Minerals

Issue:

Ensuring an adequate and steady supply of minerals to meet local and wider needs.

Outcome:

The eight Mineral Planning Authorities in County Durham, Northumberland and Tyne and Wear (Durham County Council, Gateshead Council, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council, Northumberland National Park Authority, South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council) work collaboratively on aggregate minerals planning matters and work jointly to prepare an annual Local Aggregates Assessment. All of the aforementioned authorities also actively participate in the North East Aggregates Working Party alongside the five Tees Valley

authorities and representatives of the industry. The Working Party publishes an Annual Aggregates Monitoring Report.

The Aggregates Working meet regularly (at least on an annual basis) to discuss strategic issues relating to aggregates. The North East authorities also participate in North East Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Officers Group meetings to discuss a range of strategic, cross boundary issues relating to minerals and the management of waste.

Working together in the future:

The Council will continue to work with the other North East authorities on minerals planning matters and participate in the operation of the North East Aggregates Working Party and participate in meetings of the North East Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Officers Group.

Transport

Issue: Strategic Transport issues including impacts of development upon the local road network.

Outcome:

At a regional level, the Council has been involved with the North East Combined Authority Regional Transport Group who meet on a monthly basis. The Council is also represented at the North East Joint Transport Committee (NEJTC), who meets monthly to discuss transport issues that require strategic decision taking within the north east. The North East Combined Authority is accountable for the NEJTC. The committee was established on 2 November 2018 and will continue to meet going forwards.

The Council are aware that neighbouring planning authorities including South Tyneside, Durham and Gateshead have all expressed the need for further dialogue regarding the potential impacts of development proposed within the plan on their respective transport networks. The Council have held several meetings with neighbouring authorities to discuss these matters and will continue to do so. The Council have shared its transport modelling work with neighbouring authorities as part of this exercise

During consultation on the Draft Core Strategy, South Tyneside Council made representations expressing concerns about potential impacts on the Port of Tyne. Both authorities have since held a meeting to discuss these concerns and it was agreed that the operations at the Port of Sunderland would be designed to be complementary to the Port of Tyne.

South Tyneside Council have expressed support at the inclusion of the Leamside Line within the Plan.

Working together in the future:

The Council will continue to work closely with neighbouring authorities on cross boundary transport matters through the NECA Regional Transport Group and the NEJTC.

HRA

Issue:

The Northumbria Coast Special Protection Area (SPA)/Ramsar site and the Durham Coast Special Area of Conservation (SAC) covers parts of the coast within Sunderland, but also extends into Durham and South Tyneside.

Outcome:

Sunderland City Council are a part of an N2K Liaison Group, which includes all of the local authorities which contain part of the Northumbria Coast SPA/Ramsar site and the Durham Coast

SAC (Durham County Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council, South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council).

The Liaison Group meets on a regular basis (at least twice a year) to discuss their approach to Habitats Regulations Assessments, including necessary mitigation and survey work. The group also update other members of the group on Local Plan progress and discuss policies within emerging plans which relate to N2K sites.

The Council have liaised continuously with the group to update them on progress with the plan, the Habitats Regulations Assessment being undertaken as part of the plan and the methodology used for this. Discussion from these meetings has been used to inform the wording of the policies within the Core Strategy and Development Plan to ensure there is a consistency in approach.

The Council have also undertaken visitor and bird survey work jointly with South Tyneside Council which has been used to inform the HRA.

Working together in the future:

The Council will continue to work closely with other authorities on HRA matters through the N2K Liaison Group. We are also in active dialogue as to how we can use our resources more effectively/efficiently around measures to mitigate recreational disturbance on our SPA/SAC arising from residential development.

Evidence

Sunderland and South Tyneside Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Assessment (2014)

Joint Municipal Waste Strategy (2007)

Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy Review (2012)

Local Aggregates Assessment (2018)

Annual Aggregates Monitoring Report (2018)

IAMP Housing Impact Paper (2015)

IAMP Housing Impact Paper Update (2016)

IAMP Area Action Plan (2017)

IAMP Green Belt Boundary Review

Joint Visitor and Bird Surveys to inform HRA

Sunderland City Council and Durham County Council

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Duty to Cooperate Meetings

See Appendix 2

Key issue and outcomes

Durham County Council and Sunderland City Council meet regularly to discuss strategic planning matters. Durham submitted a representation PD1387,PD1388,PD1391,PD1393,PD1395,PD1396,PD1399,PD1400 and PD1401 to the Publication Draft. Sunderland and Durham Members have also met to discuss their Local Plans (Appendix 3).

Need for Green Belt Release

Issue: Whether Durham County Council are able to accommodate some of Sunderland's objectively assessed housing needs without Green Belt release.

Outcome: Once it became clear that Sunderland Council would be unable to meet its objectively assessed housing needs in full without Green Belt release, the Council wrote a letter to all neighbouring authorities including Durham County Council to ascertain whether they would be able to accommodate this growth within their own area without the need to release their own Green Belt. Durham County Council formally responded (Appendix 6) to advise that they would not be able to accommodate any of Sunderland's housing need without Green Belt incursion.

Working together in the future: The two authorities will continue to liaise regarding Green Belt approaches and on any issues that impact on the neighbour authorities, including discussions around unmet housing need.

Green Belt Approach/Methodology

Issue: The approach used in Sunderland's Green Belt Assessment

Outcome: In a duty to cooperate meeting between the two authorities in 2016, queries were raised relating to the Sunderland Green Belt methodology, to ensure that the approach was consistent with Durham's approach. Further investigation took place, and a follow-up meeting in 2017 confirmed that the approach being undertaken by Sunderland raised no further concern with Durham County Council.

Working together in the future: The two authorities will continue to liaise regarding Green Belt approaches and on any issues that impact on the neighbour authorities.

Impact of HGA5 and HGA6 on Lambton Registered Park and Garden:

Issue: The potential impact of two housing release sites (HGA5 and HGA6) on Lambton Registered Park and Garden.

Outcome: During the Draft Plan Consultation, Durham County Council raised concern regarding the potential impact that the 2 Green Belt sites would have on the nearby Lambton Registered Park and Garden. Following the Draft Plan Consultation, Sunderland Council prepared Development Frameworks for each of the two HGA sites, and these have been used to inform CSDP Policy SS2. Durham's Publication Draft Consultation representations state that they are now satisfied with the revised policy wording regarding HGA5 and HGA6.

Working together in the future: The two authorities will continue to liaise regarding Green Belt approaches and on any issues that impact on the neighbour authorities.

Heritage Coast:

Issue: To ensure that the Heritage Coast is appropriately referenced in the Core Strategy and that the approach is consistent with Durham County Council policy.

Outcome: During the Draft Plan Consultation, Durham County Council stated that the Core Strategy would benefit from a policy specifically on the Heritage Coast, to ensure that there were no direct or indirect unacceptable adverse impacts upon the Heritage Coast in Durham. Durham County Council's response on the Publication Draft Consultation acknowledges that the updated Core Strategy now includes such a policy, and in addition, that planning permissions relating to the South Sunderland Growth Area (SSGA) have also satisfactorily addressed Heritage Coast issues. Durham County Council is therefore satisfied that the Core Strategy appropriately addresses issues relating to the Heritage Coast. In addition, both Councils are active members of the Heritage Coast partnership.

Working together in the future: The two authorities will continue to liaise on Heritage Coast matters as part of the Heritage Coast Partnership and work towards the delivery of the Heritage Coast Management Plan.

Landscape Character

Issue: The need for Sunderland's emerging Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) to synergise with neighbouring authority approaches.

Outcome: Liaison took place throughout 2015 with neighbouring authorities and with the cross-boundary Limestone Landscapes Partnership to ensure that a 'best-fit' approach to assessing landscape character was found. The Sunderland LCA was able in particular to build on work already undertaken by Durham County Council which had examined landscape character areas and typologies in a sub-regional setting. The methodology undertaken also carefully reviewed the South Tyneside Landscape Character Study (2012), the Landscape Character Assessment for Gateshead Council (2007), the 2008 County Durham Landscape Character Assessment and the 2010 Limestone Landscapes Character Framework. This ensured that Sunderland Council was able to develop a characterisation which met the needs of the city, while ensuring an agreed cross-boundary approach with neighbour authorities.

Working together in the future:

The two authorities will continue ongoing dialogue with regards to these cross-boundary issues.

Biodiversity

Issue:

Ensure a consistency of approach between the South of Tyne authorities for proposals would likely have biodiversity impacts.

Outcome:

With regard to biodiversity, officers from the South of Tyne authorities have worked together to prepare a standard policy for use within all authorities emerging Local Plans. This ensures a consistency of approach across the South of Tyne for any applicants submitting planning applications which are likely to have impacts upon biodiversity.

Working together in the future:

The two authorities will continue to work together on cross boundary biodiversity issues.

Housing Need

Issue:

Sunderland housing need and the methodology used to calculate the housing requirement within the CSDP.

Outcome:

It is agreed that Sunderland is a self-contained housing market area and therefore it is appropriate for Sunderland City Council to identify the objectively assessed housing needs for the city.

During the Growth Options consultation Durham County Council highlighted that the moderate growth scenario was based on a change to commuting rates and were concerned that this would not be consistent with their approach, and that of other neighbouring authorities who had all assumed fixed commuting rates as part of their modelling. In response to this the Council has progressed a scenario which is based on fixed commuting rates.

Durham County Council acknowledge that Sunderland have applied an uplift to its housing need to support economic growth and recognise that a significant part of this uplift is to support the IAMP. Durham do not have specific observations regarding this and it will not have any impact upon the levels of housing growth being planned for in Durham, which will be based on the Government's standardised methodology.

It is agreed that additional work will be undertaken to identify the potential impacts of the IAMP, as the scheme progresses. These impacts will be taken into consideration as part of future plans, when there is more certainty over the speed of delivery of the IAMP and evidence of its impacts is available.

Working together in the future:

The Council's will continue to work constructively with each other with regard to housing need, including further impact assessment work for the IAMP.

Gypsies and Travellers

Issue:

To discuss approach to management of unauthorised encampments.

Outcome:

In cooperation with Durham County Council, Sunderland City Council have discussed needs and site provision for gypsies and travellers and taken advice to progress site provision within Sunderland. Sunderland are addressing their local needs and therefore there are no cross boundary issues.

Working together in the future:

The authorities will continue to work together to monitor local needs and will continue to discuss any future impacts and consider joint working where appropriate.

IAMP

Issue:

To take into consideration the impacts of the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP).

Outcome:

Sunderland City Council and South Tyneside Council worked together on the preparation of the IAMP Area Action Plan (AAP) which allocates 150 hectares of land for automotive and advanced manufacturing uses. The AAP was adopted by both authorities in November 2017 and now forms part of the adopted development plan for both areas.

In order to understand the potential impacts of the IAMP, several impact papers were prepared jointly by Sunderland City Council and South Tyneside Council, which were submitted as part of the evidence base for the AAP. The original impact papers were published in 2015, but were later updated in 2016 as more evidence became available.

Sunderland City Council have included an uplift to the demographic baseline within its housing requirement to support economic growth, including the IAMP.

Due to the regional significance of the IAMP, Sunderland City Council are committed to undertaking further impact work, as the development progresses and more evidence is available regarding the potential impacts. The Council will also involve other authorities in the preparation of the updated impact papers, in particular Gateshead and Durham County Council.

Working together in the future:

The Council will undertake further impact assessment work, with input from Durham County Council as further evidence becomes available.

Economic Growth

Issue:

Working together to support economic growth across the North East LEP area

Outcome:

Sunderland forms part of the North East LEP area alongside Durham County Council, Gateshead Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council, Newcastle City Council and South Tyneside Council. Sunderland City Council is represented on the LEP board, as are the other constituent local authorities, and help to feed into the priorities set out within the Strategic Economic Plan.

The LEP are instrumental in prioritising investment within the area and bidding for Government funding. The LEP have also successfully bid for a number of Enterprise Zones across the LEP Area. When preparing the Employment Land Review, a workshop was held with local stakeholders including officers from neighbouring authorities to ensure that any cross boundary issues were addressed.

Working together in the future:

The Council will continue to work together with neighbouring authorities to support economic growth across the North East LEP area.

Waste

Issue:

Management of waste streams across the sub-region.

Outcome:

The Council hold regular meetings with Durham County Council to discuss cross boundary planning matters, including waste.

During their representations to the 2017 Draft Core Strategy and Development Plan Durham County Council suggested that the plan should seek to safeguard all strategic waste sites, not just those that were connected with Local Authority Collected Waste. In response to this the plan was amended to safeguard all waste sites. DCC welcomed this amendment.

DCC have advised that there needs to be discussions regarding the future management of inert waste, as the majority of existing capacity is within Durham and some of these sites require restoration before the end of the plan period. Sunderland City Council have agreed to have ongoing discussions with Durham County Council on this matter, however as any site allocations would be made through the Site Allocations and Designations Plan, it was not necessary to reach any agreement on this matter at this point in time. This position has been agreed with Durham County Council.

Working together in the future:

Continue to have ongoing discussions regarding waste management issues and in particular on any future requirement for additional inert landfill capacity within the sub-region later within the plan period. Should any additional allocations be required, the Council will work with other waste authorities across the region to identify appropriate sites.

Minerals

Issue:

Ensuring an adequate and steady supply of minerals to meet local and wider needs.

Outcome:

The eight Mineral Planning Authorities in County Durham, Northumberland and Tyne and Wear (Durham County Council, Gateshead Council, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council, Northumberland National Park Authority, South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council) work collaboratively on aggregate minerals planning matters and work jointly to prepare an annual Local Aggregates Assessment. All of the aforementioned authorities also actively participate in the North East Aggregates Working Party alongside the five Tees Valley authorities and representatives of the industry. The Working Party publishes an Annual Aggregates Monitoring Report.

The Aggregates Working meet regularly (at least on an annual basis) to discuss strategic issues relating to aggregates. The North East authorities also participate in North East Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Officers Group meetings to discuss a range of strategic, cross boundary issues relating to minerals and the management of waste.

Working together in the future:

The Council will continue to work with the other North East authorities on minerals planning matters and participate in the operation of the North East Aggregates Working Party and participate in meetings of the North East Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Officers Group.

Transport

Issue: Strategic Transport issues including impacts of development upon the local road network.

Outcome:

At a regional level, the Council has been involved with the North East Combined Authority Regional Transport Group who meet on a monthly basis. The Council is also represented at the North East Joint Transport Committee (NEJTC), who meets monthly to discuss transport issues that require

strategic decision taking within the north east. The North East Combined Authority is accountable for the NEJTC. The committee was established on 2 November 2018 and will continue to meet going forwards.

The Council are aware that neighbouring planning authorities including South Tyneside, Durham and Gateshead have all expressed the need for further dialogue regarding the potential impacts of development proposed within the plan on their respective transport networks. The Council have held several meetings with neighbouring authorities to discuss these matters and will continue to do so. The Council have shared its transport modelling work with neighbouring authorities as part of this exercise

Durham County Council have expressed support at the inclusion of the Leamside Line within the Plan, which is consistent with the safeguarding of the route within Gateshead.

Working together in the future:

The Council will continue to work closely with neighbouring authorities on cross boundary transport matters through the NECA Regional Transport Group and the NEJTC.

Transport - SSGA

Issue: Impact of South Sunderland Growth Area on local road network and the safeguarding of the Leamside Line railway alignment.

Outcome: During consultation on the Draft CSDP Durham County Council indicated that further information was required regarding the potential impact of the SSGA allocation upon the local road network in County Durham.

In response to this meetings were held between Council officers which discussed the potential issues. During these discussions, it was highlighted that 3 of the 4 SSGA sites now had the benefit of planning permission and that Durham County Council had been formally consulted on these applications. It is also noted that during the planning application process for these 3 sites, discussions were held with DCC Officers to agree the highways mitigation works required, including those in County Durham. Contributions towards the delivery of the necessary mitigation has been agreed with the developer through a S106 legal agreement.

Durham County Council's representations to the Publication Draft of the CSDP made clear that that this issue has been satisfactorily resolved.

It was agreed that Sunderland City Council would continue to liaise with Durham County Council as further proposals come forward for the SSGA.

Durham County Council support the safeguarding of the route of the Leamside Line. This is consistent with the emerging County Durham Plan, which also seeks to safeguard the parts of the Leamside Line that pass through County Durham

Working together in the future:

Sunderland City Council will continue to liaise with Durham County Council as proposals for the SSGA come forward. The Council's will also work together to bid for funding to secure improvements to the highway network within this area.

HRA

Issue:

The Northumbria Coast Special Protection Area (SPA)/Ramsar site and the Durham Coast Special

Area of Conservation (SAC) covers parts of the coast within Sunderland, but also extends into Durham and South Tyneside.

Outcome:

Sunderland City Council are a part of an N2K Liaison Group, which includes all of the local authorities which contain part of the Northumbria Coast SPA/Ramsar site and the Durham Coast SAC (Durham County Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council, South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council).

The Liaison Group meets on a regular basis (at least twice a year) to discuss their approach to Habitats Regulations Assessments, including necessary mitigation and survey work. The group also update other members of the group on Local Plan progress and discuss policies within emerging plans which relate to N2K sites.

The Council have liaised continuously with the group to update them on progress with the plan, the Habitats Regulations Assessment being undertaken as part of the plan and the methodology used for this. Discussion from these meetings has been used to inform the wording of the policies within the Core Strategy and Development Plan.

The Council have also undertaken visitor survey work jointly with Durham County Council which has been used to inform the HRA.

Working together in the future:

The Council will continue to work closely with other authorities on HRA matters through the N2K Liaison Group.

Evidence

Local Aggregates Assessment (2018)
Annual Aggregates Monitoring Report (2018)
Heritage Coast Management Plan (2018)
Joint Visitor Surveys to inform the HRA

Sunderland City Council and Northumberland County Council

Governance and Working Arrangements

- Heads of Planning Meetings
- Economic Directors Meetings
- North East Planning Managers Meetings
- NECA Regional Transport Group
- North East Joint Transport Committee
- N2K Working Group

Duty to Cooperate Meetings

See Appendix 2

Key issue and outcomes

Sunderland City Council and Northumberland County Council have met and discussed the preparation of their Plans on a number of occasions. No strategic Duty to Cooperate Issues has arisen. Northumberland County Council submitted a Representation (PD822) to the Publication version of the Plan. The Representation confirmed that there are no strategic issues between the authorities that have not been addressed through the DTC.

Minerals

Issue:

Ensuring an adequate and steady supply of minerals to meet local and wider needs.

Outcome:

The eight Mineral Planning Authorities in County Durham, Northumberland and Tyne and Wear (Durham County Council, Gateshead Council, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council, Northumberland National Park Authority, South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council) work collaboratively on aggregate minerals planning matters and work jointly to prepare an annual Local Aggregates Assessment. All of the aforementioned authorities also actively participate in the North East Aggregates Working Party alongside the five Tees Valley authorities and representatives of the industry. The Working Party publishes an Annual Aggregates Monitoring Report.

The Aggregates Working meet regularly (at least on an annual basis) to discuss strategic issues relating to aggregates. The North East authorities also participate in North East Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Officers Group meetings to discuss a range of strategic, cross boundary issues relating to minerals and the management of waste.

Working together in the future:

The Council will continue to work with the other North East authorities on minerals planning matters and participate in the operation of the North East Aggregates Working Party and participate in meetings of the North East Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Officers Group.

Economic Growth

Issue:

Working together to support economic growth across the North East LEP area

Outcome:

Sunderland forms part of the North East LEP area alongside Durham County Council, Gateshead Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council, Newcastle City Council and South Tyneside Council. Sunderland City Council is represented on the LEP board, as are the other

constituent local authorities, and help to feed into the priorities set out within the Strategic Economic Plan.

The LEP are instrumental in prioritising investment within the area and bidding for Government funding. The LEP have also successfully bid for a number of Enterprise Zones across the LEP Area. When preparing the Employment Land Review, a workshop was held with local stakeholders including officers from neighbouring authorities to ensure that any cross boundary issues were addressed.

Working together in the future:

The Council will continue to work together with neighbouring authorities to support economic growth across the North East LEP area.

Transport

Issue:

Strategic Transport issues

Outcome:

At a regional level, the Council has been involved with the North East Combined Authority Regional Transport Group who meet on a monthly basis. The Council is also represented at the North East Joint Transport Committee (NEJTC), who meets monthly to discuss transport issues that require strategic decision taking within the north east. The North East Combined Authority is accountable for the NEJTC. The committee was established on 2 November 2018 and will continue to meet going forwards.

Working together in the future:

The Council will continue to work closely with neighbouring authorities on cross boundary transport matters through the NECA Regional Transport Group and the NEJTC.

Evidence

Local Aggregates Assessment (2018)

Annual Aggregates Monitoring Report (2018)

Sunderland City Council and North Tyneside Council

Governance and Working Arrangements

- Heads of Planning Meetings
- Economic Directors Meetings
- North East Planning Managers Meetings
- NECA Regional Transport Group
- North East Joint Transport Committee
- N2K Working Group

Duty to Cooperate Meetings

See Appendix 2

Key issue and outcomes

Sunderland City Council and North Tyneside Council have met and discussed the preparation of their Plans on a number of occasions. No strategic Duty to Cooperate Issues have arisen. No representations were received from North Tyneside on the Publication Draft (July 2018)

Minerals

Issue:

Ensuring an adequate and steady supply of minerals to meet local and wider needs.

Outcome:

The eight Mineral Planning Authorities in County Durham, Northumberland and Tyne and Wear (Durham County Council, Gateshead Council, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council, Northumberland National Park Authority, South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council) work collaboratively on aggregate minerals planning matters and work jointly to prepare an annual Local Aggregates Assessment. All of the aforementioned authorities also actively participate in the North East Aggregates Working Party alongside the five Tees Valley authorities and representatives of the industry. The Working Party publishes an Annual Aggregates Monitoring Report.

The Aggregates Working meet regularly (at least on an annual basis) to discuss strategic issues relating to aggregates. The North East authorities also participate in North East Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Officers Group meetings to discuss a range of strategic, cross boundary issues relating to minerals and the management of waste.

Working together in the future:

The Council will continue to work with the other North East authorities on minerals planning matters and participate in the operation of the North East Aggregates Working Party and participate in meetings of the North East Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Officers Group.

Economic Growth

Issue:

Working together to support economic growth across the North East LEP area

Outcome:

Sunderland forms part of the North East LEP area alongside Durham County Council, Gateshead Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council, Newcastle City Council and South Tyneside Council. Sunderland City Council is represented on the LEP board, as are the other constituent local authorities, and help to feed into the priorities set out within the Strategic Economic Plan.

The LEP are instrumental in prioritising investment within the area and bidding for Government funding. The LEP have also successfully bid for a number of Enterprise Zones across the LEP Area. When preparing the Employment Land Review, a workshop was held with local stakeholders including officers from neighbouring authorities to ensure that any cross boundary issues were addressed.

Working together in the future:

The Council will continue to work together with neighbouring authorities to support economic growth across the North East LEP area.

Transport

Issue:

Strategic Transport issues

Outcome:

At a regional level, the Council has been involved with the North East Combined Authority Regional Transport Group who meet on a monthly basis. The Council is also represented at the North East Joint Transport Committee (NEJTC), who meets monthly to discuss transport issues that require strategic decision taking within the north east. The North East Combined Authority is accountable for the NEJTC. The committee was established on 2 November 2018 and will continue to meet going forwards.

Working together in the future:

The Council will continue to work closely with neighbouring authorities on cross boundary transport matters through the NECA Regional Transport Group and the NEJTC.

Evidence

Local Aggregates Assessment (2018)

Annual Aggregates Monitoring Report (2018)

Sunderland City Council and Newcastle City Council

Governance and Working Arrangements

- Heads of Planning Meetings
- Economic Directors Meetings
- North East Planning Managers Meetings
- NECA Regional Transport Group
- North East Joint Transport Committee

Duty to Cooperate Meetings

See Appendix 2

Key issue and outcomes

Housing Need

Issue:

Sunderland housing need and the methodology used to calculate the housing requirement within the CSDP.

Outcome:

It is agreed that Sunderland is a self-contained housing market area and therefore it is appropriate for Sunderland City Council to identify the objectively assessed housing needs for the city.

However, at the Growth Options and Draft Plan stages, Newcastle City Council expressed concerns regarding proposals to uplift the housing requirement above the demographic baseline to support economic growth. In particular, concerns were raised regarding the impact of the proposals on migration flows with Newcastle and the delivery of their adopted Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan.

In response to the concerns raised, duty-to-cooperate meetings have been held between both authorities to discuss how the housing requirement has been calculated and the inputs involved.

The calculation of the Council's objectively assessed housing need set out within the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) Addendum (2018) simplifies the calculation of housing need by only applying one economic uplift to the demographic baseline, which includes the impact of the IAMP. This ensures that the economic uplift to support the IAMP is not double-counted, but also ensures that the calculation is easier to understand.

Newcastle City Council did not make any representations to the Publication Draft of the CSDP and it is therefore considered that the concerns previously raised have been adequately addressed.

Working together in the future:

The Council's will continue to work constructively with each other with regard to housing need.

Minerals

Issue:

Ensuring an adequate and steady supply of minerals to meet local and wider needs.

Outcome:

The eight Mineral Planning Authorities in County Durham, Northumberland and Tyne and Wear (Durham County Council, Gateshead Council, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council, Northumberland National Park Authority, South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council) work collaboratively on aggregate minerals planning matters and work

jointly to prepare an annual Local Aggregates Assessment. All of the aforementioned authorities also actively participate in the North East Aggregates Working Party alongside the five Tees Valley authorities and representatives of the industry. The Working Party publishes an Annual Aggregates Monitoring Report.

The Aggregates Working meet regularly (at least on an annual basis) to discuss strategic issues relating to aggregates. The North East authorities also participate in North East Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Officers Group meetings to discuss a range of strategic, cross boundary issues relating to minerals and the management of waste.

Working together in the future:

The Council will continue to work with the other North East authorities on minerals planning matters and participate in the operation of the North East Aggregates Working Party and participate in meetings of the North East Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Officers Group.

Economic Growth

Issue:

Working together to support economic growth across the North East LEP area

Outcome:

Sunderland forms part of the North East LEP area alongside Durham County Council, Gateshead Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council, Newcastle City Council and South Tyneside Council. Sunderland City Council is represented on the LEP board, as are the other constituent local authorities, and help to feed into the priorities set out within the Strategic Economic Plan.

The LEP are instrumental in prioritising investment within the area and bidding for Government funding. The LEP have also successfully bid for a number of Enterprise Zones across the LEP Area. When preparing the Employment Land Review, a workshop was held with local stakeholders including officers from neighbouring authorities to ensure that any cross boundary issues were addressed.

Working together in the future:

The Council will continue to work together with neighbouring authorities to support economic growth across the North East LEP area.

Transport

Issue:

Strategic Transport issues

Outcome:

At a regional level, the Council has been involved with the North East Combined Authority Regional Transport Group who meet on a monthly basis. The Council is also represented at the North East Joint Transport Committee (NEJTC), who meets monthly to discuss transport issues that require strategic decision taking within the north east. The North East Combined Authority is accountable for the NEJTC. The committee was established on 2 November 2018 and will continue to meet going forwards.

Working together in the future:

The Council will continue to work closely with neighbouring authorities on cross boundary transport matters through the NECA Regional Transport Group and the NEJTC.

Evidence

Local Aggregates Assessment (2018)
Annual Aggregates Monitoring Report (2018)

5. Duty to Cooperate with Prescribed Bodies

The Environment Agency

Duty to Cooperate Meetings and cooperation

Meetings took place in 2017 and 2018 to discuss the emerging Core Strategy and SFRA. Further detail is provided in Appendix 2.

Key issue and outcomes

As part of the consultation on the Draft Core Strategy and Development Plan in 2017, the Environment Agency submitted comments to advise that the boundaries of allocated sites should be amended so that they do not extend into flood zones 2 and 3. Where development is proposed within flood zones 2 and 3, a Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment would be required. With regard to the Port of Sunderland the Environment Agency requested that a Level 2 SFRA was completed for this site.

Following meetings with the Environment Agency, the plan was amended so that none of the allocations made through the CSDP extended into flood zones 2 and 3. The Level 1 SFRA was also updated to reflect the latest allocations.

With regard to the Port of Sunderland the Council worked closely with the Environment Agency on the preparation of the Level 2 SFRA, including the methodology to be used. A draft of the Level 2 SFRA was shared with the Environment Agency for comment before being finalised.

The Environment Agency expressed concern regarding potential flood risk on the safeguarded land to the east of Washington. However, the Environment Agency were satisfied that as safeguarded land, development of the site could only take place as a result of a plan review. If it was proposed to allocate this site for development, a sequential assessment and Level 2 SFRA would be required.

Subject to the submission of the Level 1 SFRA and the Level 2 SFRA for the port as part of the evidence base for the plan, the Environment Agency are satisfied that the plan is sound. These supporting documents have been submitted as part of the evidence base.

Working Together in the Future

The Council will work with the EA in the future to prepare the Allocations and Designations Plan.

Statement of Common Ground

The Environment Agency have signed a Statement of Common Ground with the Council (SD8k). This sets out that subject to the proposed modifications to the Plan, they are satisfied that the plan is sound.

Historic England

Duty to Cooperate Meetings and cooperation

Meetings took place in 2017 and 2018 to discuss the emerging Core Strategy. Further detail is provided in Appendix 2.

Key issue and outcomes

As part of the consultation on the Draft Core Strategy and Development Plan in 2017, the Environment Agency submitted comments regarding a number of the policies within the draft Plan.

In response to these representations, the Council met with Historic England to discuss how the Plan could be amended to address the issues raised. As a result of this a number of changes were made to the Plan to improve referencing to the historic environment and include reference to the Heritage

Action Zone. The Council also gathered further evidence relating to the potential impact of proposed site allocations on the historic environment through the preparation of Development Frameworks, which informed more detailed policies within the Publication Draft Core Strategy and Development Plan.

Whilst the amendments to the Plan were broadly welcomed, Historic England did make further representations to the Publication Draft of the Plan. In order to discuss the issues raised, the Council held a further meeting with Historic England. In response to this meeting, a number of minor modifications to the Plan have been proposed to address the concerns raised. The Development Frameworks which form part of the evidence base have also been updated. These changes have been agreed through a Statement of Common Ground with Historic England.

Statement of Common Ground

Historic England have signed a Statement of Common Ground (SD8k) with the Council. This sets out that subject to the proposed modifications to the Plan and supporting evidence, they are satisfied that the plan is sound.

Natural England

Duty to Cooperate Meetings and cooperation

Meetings took place in 2017 and 2018 to discuss the emerging Core Strategy Development and appropriately addressing key issues relating to biodiversity, including Habitats Regulations Assessment. Further detail is provided in Appendix 2.

Key issue and outcomes

Through liaison with Natural England, all policies in the Core Strategy that related to biodiversity have been reviewed and amended over time. A small number of outstanding issues were raised by Natural England through the Publication Draft Consultation, and these have been addressed through a Statement of Common Ground.

Natural England have also been consulted during the preparation of the Sustainability Appraisal (SA), which incorporates the Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Habitats Regulations Assessment. Where necessary, amendments to the SA and HRA have been made to take into address the comments made by Natural England.

Statement of Common Ground

A Statement of Common Ground has been agreed to address the issues raised during Publication draft Consultation. This has resulted in minor changes to Policy NE2 and its supporting text, and additional Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) work undertaken relating to 2 sites in North Sunderland, which has been reflected in the Council's HRA evidence paper (SD8k).

The Homes and Communities Agency (now called Homes England)

Duty to Cooperate Meetings and cooperation

The Council has held regular meetings with Homes England during the preparation of the Core Strategy and Development Plan. Further detail is provided in Appendix 2.

Key issue and outcomes

Homes England have been generally supportive of the Plan, however have sought to promote land to the east as Washington as an allocation for housing.

The Council have held detailed discussions with Homes England regarding the potential for development on the site, however the Council do not consider it necessary to allocate the land for

development within the Plan period. The Council have however proposed to safeguard the land for future development beyond the Plan period.

The Council met on a regular basis with Homes England to discuss funding, empty homes and Housing Infrastructure Fund development opportunities.

Statement of Common Ground

The Council did not prepare a Statement of Common Ground with Homes England as their representation (PD4341) was supportive of the Plan.

Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group

Duty to Cooperate Meetings and cooperation

The Council has held several meetings with the Sunderland CCG since 2017 to discuss the health provision in the city.

Key issue and outcomes

The Clinical Commissioning Group would like to ensure that they receive contributions towards health infrastructure.

The Council have advised the CCG that the plan provides the policy framework to seek contributions towards health infrastructure required as a consequence of development, but that in order for contributions to be sought, a robust evidence base is required.

The CCG have commenced work on collecting the requisite evidence and shared some initial findings with the Council, but further work is required. The Council have committed to continuing to work closely with the CCG on gathering evidence regarding health infrastructure needs and will update the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, as necessary when a robust evidenced need can be demonstrated.

The Council is also committed to working with the CCG on the preparation of the emerging Planning Obligations SPD.

The CCG also made a number of other representations with regard to the Publication Draft of the Plan. The Council has proposed a number of minor modifications to address the issues raised by the CCG.

Working Together in the Future

The Council and CCG have established a monthly working group to discuss health provision in the city.

Statement of Common Ground

A Statement of Common Ground has been agreed to address the issues raised during Publication draft Consultation (SD8k).

Office for Rail Regulation

Duty to Cooperate Meetings and cooperation

The Council have consulted the Office for Rail Regulation (ORR) at every stage during the preparation of the Plan, however have not received any representations.

Key issue and outcomes

The ORR have not made any representations to the Plan. The Plan seeks to rail infrastructure within the city, including safeguarding the Leamside Line and South Hylton to Penshaw rail alignments for potential future use; supporting improvements to the Metro and rail network including new stations and routes where deliverable; and working with rail industry partners to improve the connectivity of Sunderland to other major centres and supporting the redevelopment and improvement of Sunderland Station. The Council has invited Representations to the Plan at Regulation 18 and 19 stages.

Statement of Common Ground

No Statement of Common Ground has been signed as no representations have been made.

Highways England

Duty to Cooperate Meetings and cooperation

The Council have held regular meetings with Highways England (HE) during the preparation of the Plan and provided site information on which to base highways modelling work.

Key issue and outcomes

HE have indicated that in order to understand the potential impact of the Core Strategy and Development Plan on the Strategic Road Network, they needed to undertake detailed modelling work.

SCC have liaised closely with HE with regard to providing inputs for the modelling work. In 2015, the Council provided HE with a copy of the schedule of SHLAA and employment sites which were used to model the potential impacts upon the Strategic Road Network. HE issued SCC with high level outputs based on this modelling work. This model did not identify any severe impacts to the SRN.

During the preparation of the Draft Core Strategy and Development Plan, SCC shared details of the revised proposals to HE to update their modelling work. This included an updated SHLAA, portfolio of employment sites and a number of proposed Housing Release Sites. Once again, HE issued SCC with high level outputs based on this modelling work.

In 2018, HE indicated that more modelling work would be required to take into account changes to the Plan. The Council shared the latest SHLAA, proposed Housing Growth Areas (previously known as Housing Release Sites) and employment sites with HE in early 2018 to include in the updated modelling, however this was not completed until after the consultation on the Publication Plan has taken place.

Following representations submitted by Highways England to the Publication Draft of the Plan and the completion of HE's modelling work, the Council and Highways England have worked together to identify the mitigation measures required within the Plan period. As a result of this work, the Council has proposed a number of modifications to the Plan and updated the IDP.

Consequently Highways England have sent a letter to the Council to withdraw their representations to the Plan (SD8k) and both parties have agreed to continue to work together to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding.

Statement of Common Ground

The Council are working towards signing a Memorandum of Understanding with HE.

The Marine Management Organisation

Duty to Cooperate Meetings and cooperation

The Council have consulted the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) at every stage during the preparation of the Plan and held a meeting with them in advance of the Plan being submitted.

Key issue and outcomes

The MMO made representations to the draft Core Strategy and Development Plan in 2017. As a result of these representations changes were made to the plan to address the issues raised.

The MMO did not make any representations to the Publication Draft CSDP, but following a meeting between the Council and the MMO, a minor modification has been proposed to the plan.

Statement of Common Ground

The MMO have signed a Statement of Common Ground with the Council (SD8k). This sets out that subject to the proposed modification to the Plan, they are satisfied that the plan is sound.

Integrated Transport Authority (Nexus)

Duty to Cooperate Meetings and cooperation

The Council have consulted the Nexus at every stage during the preparation of the Plan and has also liaised with them on the preparation of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan

Key issue and outcomes

During consultation on the Growth Options, Nexus advised that where large housing sites are proposed these should be designed to maximum public transport accessibility from the outset. It was suggested that rail alignments for the future extension of the Metro are protected including South Hylton Metro Station to Victoria Viaduct, Follingsby to Fencehouses; and city centre to Doxford. It was suggested that major developments will be required to fund costs of any additional Metro station provision that may be required as a consequence of the development, including within 400m of a bus route and 800m of a Metro route.

The issues raised were taken into consideration when preparing the Draft Core Strategy, specifically the Plan included policies to support public transport and require development to contribute towards the delivery of infrastructure, where necessary. The Plan also sought to safeguard the South Hylton to Penshaw and Leamside Line rail alignments.

In October 2017, Nexus provided further comments on the Draft Plan. They welcomed the promotion and encouragement of the sustainable transport options and the safeguarding of the above mentioned rail alignments. However, Nexus requested that other extensions presented in the NECA Metro and Local Rail Strategy were also included in the Plan, including the Metro line to Doxford and Metro services to Seaham and Horden. Nexus also welcomed the support for the redevelopment of Sunderland Rail Station. Nexus suggested that greater emphasis was placed on promoting bus and Metro travel.

In February 2018, the Council wrote to Nexus to ask for a meeting to discuss the issues raised, however Nexus did not respond to this request. In April 2018, the Council again contacted Nexus to arrange a meeting to discuss their comments, but Nexus did not respond.

The Publication Draft of the Plan was amended to indicate that the Council would support improvements to the Metro and rail network including new stations and routes, where deliverable. In the absence of any detail being provided from Nexus on the potential alignment of the extensions, this allows for additional routes to be safeguarded through the emerging Allocations

and Designations Plan, as further information becomes available.

Nexus did not make any representations in response to the consultation on the Publication Draft of the Plan.

Statement of Common Ground

No Statement of Common Ground has been signed as Nexus did not have representations to the Plan.

Highways Authority (ie Sunderland City Council).

Duty to Cooperate Meetings and cooperation

Regular internal meetings with highways colleagues. Highway Officers were also heavily involved in the preparation of the Transport Modelling for the Local Plan and the drafting of the transport policies.

Key issue and outcomes

The Council have held regular meetings with representatives from the local highways authority and have they have been actively engaged in writing the policies within the plan and feeding into the evidence base. In particular, the local highways authority have been heavily involved in the commissioning and management of the Transport Assessment which forms part of the evidence base for the plan.

Statement of Common Ground

No Statement of Common Ground has been signed as Highways Authority did not have representations to the Plan.

Local Enterprise Partnerships

Duty to Cooperate Meetings and cooperation

The Council have consulted the North East LEP at every stage during the preparation of the Plan, however have not received any representations. The Council also invited the LEP to attend the stakeholder workshop during the preparation of the Sunderland Employment Land Review, but no representative was available to attend.

Key issue and outcomes

The LEP have not made any representations to the Plan. The Plan seeks to support economic growth and will help to deliver the aspirations set out within the LEP's Strategic Economic Plan, including supporting the delivery of the IAMP.

Statement of Common Ground

No Statement of Common Ground has been signed as Local Enterprise Partnerships did not have representations to the Plan.

6. How the Duty have influenced the Plan

6.1 Discussions with Duty to Cooperate partners have had a significant role in helping to shape the Plan. This section aims to summarise how these discussions have resulted to changes in the Plan during its preparation to ensure that cross boundary planning matters have been satisfactorily addressed.

Durham County Council

6.2 The Council have worked closely with DCC on a number of matters, which have informed the preparation of the Plan.

6.3 When it became evident that Sunderland would be unable to meet its Objectively Assessed Housing Needs in full without making amendments to our Green Belt boundaries, the Council formally wrote to all neighbouring authorities to ask if they would be able to accommodate this growth without making amendments to their own Green Belt boundaries to do so. DCC advised that they were unable to accommodate any additional growth without Green Belt incursion, which indicated that there was a case for Green Belt release within Sunderland.

6.4 During the Growth Options consultation, DCC expressed concern that the Council that the OAHN figure was not based on a fixed commuting rate, which meant that it was incompatible with those of neighbouring authorities, including DCC. Partly in response to this representation, the Council updated its SHMA, which included a revised OAHN based on a fixed commuting rate.

6.5 Following representations from DCC on the draft Plan it was highlighted that two of the proposed Housing Release Sites (now known as Housing Growth Areas) had the potential to adversely impact upon Lambton Historic Park and Garden. Following this, the Council prepared detailed Development Frameworks for each of the proposed Housing Growth Areas, which informed the policy requirements contained within the Publication Draft Plan. DCC advise that they are satisfied that the policy wording included within the Plan addresses their concerns.

6.6 The Leamside Line is recognised as a key rail scheme within the region, presenting the opportunity to deliver much needed additional rail capacity. SCC has continued to safeguard the alignment of this within Sunderland.

6.7 As part of their representations on the draft Plan, DCC highlighted that the Plan did not contain any policy coverage for the Heritage Coast designation which is shared between the two authorities. In response to this the Council included a specific Heritage Coast policy within the Publication Draft Plan.

6.8 DCC's representations to the draft Plan included specific representations on waste. In response to these representations a number of minor modifications were made to the policies including safeguarding all waste sites, changing the terminology of 'open cast coal' to 'surface coal' and making clear that the JBT Waste Transfer Station is located within County Durham. In their latest representations, DCC have confirmed that these amendments adequately address their concerns.

6.9 The South of Tyne authorities have worked together to prepare a consistent policy for biodiversity for inclusion within the Local Plan.

Gateshead Council

- 6.10 When it became evident that Sunderland would be unable to meet its Objectively Assessed Housing Needs in full without making amendments to our Green Belt boundaries, the Council formally wrote to all neighbouring authorities to ask if they would be able to accommodate this growth without making amendments to their own Green Belt boundaries to do so. Gateshead Council advised that they were unable to accommodate any additional growth without Green Belt incursion, which indicated that there was a case for Green Belt release within Sunderland.
- 6.11 During the Growth Options and Draft Plan consultations, Gateshead Council expressed concern that the methodology for calculating the Council's OAHN was complicated as it was based on a number of variables. During the course of the preparation of the Plan the Council has simplified the methodology for calculating its OAHN. To reflect the potential housing impact of IAMP, the Council has included an economic uplift within the calculation of its OAHN. Notwithstanding this, the Council have agreed to undertake further impact work with neighbouring authorities as more information regarding the likely impacts and speed of delivery of the IAMP are known.
- 6.12 The Leamside Line is recognised as a key rail scheme within the region, presenting the opportunity to deliver much needed additional rail capacity. SCC has continued to safeguard the alignment of this within Sunderland.
- 6.13 The South of Tyne authorities have worked together to prepare a consistent policy for biodiversity for inclusion within the Local Plan.
- 6.14 The Council has taken into consideration Gateshead's concerns regarding encroachment into the Green Belt around Springwell Village and to the north of Sunderland. The Housing Growth Areas chosen have been through a robust Green Belt Assessment and are considered to be appropriate retaining the integrity of the Green Belt between Washington/Springwell and Gateshead.

South Tyneside Council

- 6.15 When it became evident that Sunderland would be unable to meet its Objectively Assessed Housing Needs in full without making amendments to our Green Belt boundaries, the Council formally wrote to all neighbouring authorities to ask if they would be able to accommodate this growth without making amendments to their own Green Belt boundaries to do so. South Tyneside Council advised that they were unable to accommodate any additional growth without Green Belt incursion, which indicated that there was a case for Green Belt release within Sunderland.
- 6.16 The Leamside Line is recognised as a key rail scheme within the region, presenting the opportunity to deliver much needed additional rail capacity. SCC has continued to safeguard the alignment of this within Sunderland.
- 6.17 SCC and STC worked together to jointly prepare the IAMP AAP and are committed to the delivery of this important employment site within both authorities. To reflect the potential housing impact of IAMP, the Council has included an economic uplift within the calculation of its OAHN. Notwithstanding this, the Council have agreed to undertake further impact work

with neighbouring authorities as more information regarding the likely impacts and speed of delivery of the IAMP are known.

Environment Agency

- 6.18 During the consultation on the Draft Plan, the Environment Agency (EA) raised concerns regarding the allocation of sites within Flood Zones 2 and 3. In response to these representations, the boundaries of all site allocations were amended to exclude the parcels of land which fell within Flood Zones 2 and 3. An updated SFRA was then prepared to reflect these changes.
- 6.19 With regard to the Port of Sunderland, the EA requested that a Level 2 SFRA was undertaken for the site. The Council undertook the requested SFRA and have agreed the outputs of this with the EA.
- 6.20 A number of other minor modifications to the Plan have been proposed to address representations from the EA. These have been agreed with the EA, as set out within the Statement of Common Ground.

Historic England

- 6.21 During the preparation of the Plan Historic England have made a number of representations. The Council have liaised closely with Historic England on these matters and have proposed minor modifications to the Plan to address the concerns raised. Updates to the Development Frameworks which form part of the evidence base have also been undertaken and agreed with Historic England. The Council has entered into a Statement of Common Ground with Historic England, which demonstrates agreement on these changes.

Natural England

- 6.22 Natural England (NE) have made representations at various stages during the preparation of the Plan. The Council have met with NE on several occasions in order to address concerns raised and have proposed minor modifications to the Plan to address concerns raised.
- 6.23 NE have made specific representations on the Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA). The Council have worked closely with NE to address the issues raised. The HRA has been updated to reflect the comments made by NE and to include detailed mitigation for the Housing Growth Areas which fall within the 6km zone of influence for the SPA/SAC.
- 6.24 The Council have agreed detailed mitigation with the NE for site HGA8 and included this within the HRA. Discussions have taken place with NE and Hellens, the site promoter for site HGA7 regarding detailed mitigation for that site. Further HRA work is being undertaken to identify appropriate mitigation for this site and this will be included within the overarching HRA for the Plan.
- 6.25 The Council has signed a Statement of Common Ground with NE outlining how agreement has been reached. A separate Statement of Common Ground has also been signed between NE, Hellens and the Council setting out the additional HRA work to be completed.

Homes England

- 6.26 Homes England have been promoting the inclusion of land to the east of Washington as a proposed housing allocation within the Plan.
- 6.27 The Council do not consider it necessary to allocate this land within the Plan period for development. However, it is proposed to remove the land from the Green Belt as part of the plan and identify it as safeguarded land.

Nexus

- 6.28 Nexus made representations to the Growth Options and Draft Plan, but did not make any specific representations to the Publication Draft of the Plan.
- 6.29 The sustainable transport section of the plan seeks to support public transport, including the operating conditions for buses and improvements to the Metro and rail network. In addition, the Plan also safeguards the Leamside Line and the South Hylton to Penshaw rail alignments. Where schemes are known, these have also been included within the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.
- 6.30 Whilst it has not been possible to ascertain full information from Nexus regarding the alignment of all of their proposed Metro extensions, the policy wording seeks to support these proposals where deliverable and there will be opportunity to include any additional safeguarding routes within the emerging Allocations and Designations Plan, if required.

Highways England

- 6.31 The Council has liaised closely with Highways England during the preparation of the Plan and have proposed a minor modification to make reference to the Strategic Road Network.
- 6.32 The Plan includes a number of schemes and initiatives to improve the local road network and public transport routes to help limit the impact of development upon the Strategic Road Network. The Plan also specifically references that the Council will work with partners to improve key junctions on the A19, including access to the IAMP.
- 6.33 The Council is committed to continuing to work closely with Highways England and will include specific mitigation schemes for the Strategic Road Network within the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, as details of these are provided.

NHS Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group

- 6.34 The Council have had several meetings with the NHS Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group during the preparation of the Plan.
- 6.35 The Council have sought to embed health needs throughout the Plan from the outset and undertook a Health Impact Assessment of the Draft Plan. The Publication Draft of the Plan made amendments to address the recommendations of the Health Impact Assessment, where possible. The Council have published a Health Impact Assessment Note which sets out the

amendments made and justifies why the Plan has not been able to take on board some of the other recommendations.

- 6.36 The Council has sought to ensure that the Plan provides the opportunity to secure planning contributions towards securing health infrastructure required as a result of development.
- 6.37 In response to representations from the CCG the Council has provided a detailed Hot Food Takeaway Policy within the Publication Draft of the Plan, which seeks to control the development of new hot food takeaways in close proximity to schools and in areas with the highest levels of childhood obesity.
- 6.38 A number of other minor modifications to the Plan have also been proposed including the requirement for student larger student accommodation schemes to be supported by a Health Impact Assessment and including a definition of local services in the glossary.
- 6.39 The Council has committed to continuing to work with the CCG on health matters including gathering evidence of health needs within the city and updating the IDP to reflect these needs, where necessary.

Appendices



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Duty to Co-operate

Newcastle, Gateshead, Northumberland, Durham, North Tyneside, South Tyneside and Sunderland Councils

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Memorandum of Understanding is the agreement between Newcastle City Council, Gateshead Council, Northumberland County Council, Northumberland National Park, Durham County Council, North Tyneside Council, South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council ("the Partners") to comply with the duty to co-operate on planning issues set out in Section 33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (the Act) as well as those that relate to Strategic Priorities as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 1.2 Section 33A of the Act introduces a new 'duty to co-operate'. This applies to all local planning authorities in England and to a number of other public bodies including the Marine Management Organisation, Environment Agency, Historic Buildings & Monuments Commission for England, Natural England, Civil Aviation Authority, Homes & Communities Agency, Clinical Commissioning Groups, Office of the Rail Regulator, Highways Agency, Integrated Transport Authorities and Highway Authorities.
- 1.3 Section 20 of the Act requires that in examining Local Plans the Secretary of State will be assessing whether the Local Planning Authority has complied with the duty to co-operate in preparing the Local Plan.

2. The purpose of our co-operation

- 2.1 The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding is to set out how the Partners will comply with the duty to co-operate for their mutual benefit and for that of their joint plan making area. It will:
 - Clarify and record the responsibilities of the Partners both individually and collectively; and
 - Establish guidelines for joint working going forward in accordance with the governance arrangements set out in the Memorandum of Understanding.

3. Status of the Memorandum of Understanding

- 3.1 The Memorandum of Understanding is an operational document. It is not a formally binding legal agreement and the partnership is not a legal entity.
- 3.2 The Partners individually and collectively agree to use all reasonable endeavours to comply with the terms and spirit of the Memorandum of Understanding.

- 3.3 Under the Memorandum of Understanding the Partners cannot employ staff, let contracts or commit financial resources on behalf of the constituent Partners without their formal agreement.
- 3.4 Agreement to or withdrawal from the Memorandum of Understanding does not remove a Local Authority's duty to co-operate pursuant to the Act.

4. Governance Arrangements

- 4.1. These arrangements are set out on the attached flowcharts ("the Flowcharts"). The arrangements are as follows:
- 4.2. Each local authority will be responsible for preparing and adopting their own Local Plan, development plan documents and local development documents and setting up their own governance arrangements to facilitate this.
- 4.3 Each Local Authority's Local Plan Governance Group will feed progress reports and strategic priority issues that have a cross-boundary interest to the Planning Heads of Service Group for discussion. The Planning Heads of Service Group will include representation from each of the seven local authorities. This will be the mechanism of co-operating on such issues.
- 4.4 The Planning Heads of Service Group will report their discussions and agreed actions back to the Local Plan Governance Groups and as appropriate to any or all of the following:
 - Economic Directors Group
 - LEP Transport Group
 - LEP Planning and Infrastructure Group
 - Chief Executives Group
 - Leaders and Elected Mayors Group
 - North East Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)
- 4.5 These above groups may also refer issues to the Planning Heads of Service Group for discussion and or action and for feeding back to the Local Plan Governance Groups.
- 4.6 The Local Plan Governance Group is the relevant board or grouping of senior officers managing the production of the authority's Local Plan.

5. Scope of Co-operation

- 5.1 Each Partner will engage constructively, actively, expediently, and on an on-going basis in any process which involves the following:
 - The preparation of Local Plans;
 - The preparation of other local development documents;
 - Activities that can reasonably be considered to prepare the way for activities which any of the above that are or could be contemplated; and
 - Activities that support any of the above so far as they relate to sustainable development or use of land that has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas, including sustainable development or use of land for or in connection with infrastructure that is strategic and has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas.
- 5.2 Engagement for the purposes of 5.1 includes in particular:
 - Considering whether to consult on and prepare and enter into and publish agreement on joint approaches to the undertaking of activities in 5.1; and
 - Considering whether to agree to prepare joint local development documents.

- 5.3 When complying with the duty to co-operate the Partners will have regard to guidance given by the Secretary of State.

6. Meetings

- 6.1. The Planning Heads of Service Group will meet bi-monthly or as required.

7. Funding and Finance

- 7.1. Each Authority will use its own staff to progress their Local Plans except where consultants are used.
- 7.2. If consultants are used on a joint basis their costs will be apportioned dependent upon the amount of work that affects each authority's area. The Project Directors responsible for each Local Plan Governance Group or in their absence the Project Owners as specified on the Flowcharts will be responsible for authorising the costs associated with any work prior to that work being commenced.
- 7.3. Each authority will invoice the other authority once every two months for expenditure it has incurred on the others behalf, providing supporting detail of the relevant transactions as appropriate.

8. Duration

- 8.1. The joint governance arrangements will remain in place until the duty to co-operate is no longer required by legislation.

9. Dispute Resolution

- 9.1. In the event of a dispute that cannot be resolved by the Planning Heads of Service Group the matter concerned will be referred to the Chief Executives Group. If the matter cannot be resolved by the Chief Executives Group it will be referred to the Leaders and Elected Mayors Group. If the matter is not able to be satisfactorily resolved the Partners put in writing and keep on file the matter.
- 9.2. Those decisions in respect of agreement and dispute will be clearly logged and submitted as part of the evidence to each respective local planning authority's Local Plan examination to demonstrate how the duty has been complied with.

10. Intellectual Property Rights

- 10.1. Subject to the rights of third parties, the Partners will share equally the intellectual property rights to all data, reports, drawings, specifications, designs, inventions or other material produced or acquired including copyrights in the course of their joint work. The Partners agree that any proposal by one Partner to permit a third party to utilise the documents and materials produced by the partnership shall be subject to the agreement of all other Partners. Any changes, amendments or updates made to the documents and materials, if made under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding, shall be jointly owned by the Partners.

11. Freedom of Information Requests

11.1. If any partner receives a freedom of information request in respect of shared work associated with the Memorandum of Understanding it will be shared at the earliest opportunity with the other relevant authorities in order to determine and achieve a consensus as to what information shall be released.

12. Termination

12.1. Any of the Partners may withdraw from the Memorandum of Understanding at any time. Any such withdrawal would need to be approved by the Chief Executives Group and Leaders and Elected Mayors Group.

12.2. If the Memorandum of Understanding is terminated, the Partners agree that any reports, studies or any other information which has been jointly prepared by the Partners can be used by each of the Partners separately.

13. Signatories



Leader:

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Chief Executive:

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Leader:

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Leader:

Chief Executive:



North Tyneside Council

Elected Mayor:

Chief Executive:



Northumberland County Council

Leader:

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Northumberland National Park

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Elected Mayor: _____

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Chief Executive: [Signature]



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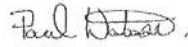
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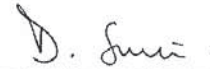
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DATE OF AGREEMENT : 6 JUNE 2014

Appendix 2 Schedule of Meetings

Date	Description of Event (e.g. meeting, workshop or other working arrangements)	Purpose of Meeting	Attendees	Issues	Agreed actions & Timescales	Points Agreed/attached information (Including outcomes)
13/12/2018	Teleconference with NHS Sunderland CCG	To discuss Statement of Common Ground	Louise Sloan (SCC) Gary Baker (SCC) Tarryn Lake (CCG) Andrew Moss (Ward Hadaway representing CCG)	To discuss outstanding matters relating to representations with the aim of reaching agreement on Statement of Common Ground	GB to update SOCG to reflect discussions - later that day TL to arrange for sign off of CCG - following morning	GB to update SOCG to reflect discussions - later that day TL to arrange for sign off of CCG - following morning
10/12/2018	Meeting with CCG	To discuss CCG representations to Plan	Patrick Melia (SCC) Louise Sloan (SCC) Iain Fairlamb (SCC) Tarryn Lake (CCG) David Gallagher (CCG)	To discuss representations to draft plan with aim of reaching agreement on Statement of Common Ground	LS to update draft SOCG to reflect discussions. CCG to provide comment on proposed changes Teleconference to be held at end of the week to reach agreement	LS to update draft SOCG to reflect discussions. CCG to provide comment on proposed changes Teleconference to be held at end of the week to reach agreement
13/12/2018	Conference call with Sport England	To discuss SE representation to the Plan	Louise Sloan (SCC) Dave McGuire (SE)	To discuss representation to the Publication draft to try and reach a statement of common Ground	Agreed to meet in January. Agreed that Sports England had been involved in the preparation of the PPS	Agreed to set up meeting in January 2019
07/12/2018	Conference call with Sport England	To discuss SE representation to the Plan	Louise Sloan (SCC) Dave McGuire (SE)	To discuss representation to the Publication draft to try and reach a statement of common Ground	Agreed SE would review SOCG. Agreed SE would review the Indoor facilities Strategy	Agreed to discuss via teleconference on 13/12/2018
06/12/2018	Meeting with South of Tyne Officers	To discuss implication of transport south of Tyne	Louise Sloan (SCC) Neil Wilkinson (GC), Stuart Coker (GC), (DC), Trevor (STC), Neil Cole	To prepare an aligned IDP which illustrates all infrastructure requirements for South of Tyne	Agreed to share transport modelling and meeting in the New Year	Agreed to meet in January 2019
06/12/2018	Meeting with Highways England	To discuss outputs of modelling work	Louise Sloan (SCC) Iain Fairlamb (SCC) Gary Baker (SCC)	To discuss emerging plan and modelling work being undertaken by HE. HE advised that modelling work was not yet completed, but that this should be done by 20 December. Meeting arranges prior to submission to discuss outputs	HE to provide outputs of modelling work to SCC.	HE to provide outputs of modelling work to SCC
06/12/2018	Meeting with Natural England	To discuss HRA approach and agree Statement of Common Ground	Louise Sloan (SCC) Claire Dewson (SCC) Ellen Bekker (Natural England)	To reach agreement on revised HRA work with a view to entering into a SOCG.	SCC to finalise HRA and circulate draft to NE for comment.	SCC to finalise HRA and circulate draft to NE for comment.

30/11/2018	Meeting with South Tyneside Council and Gateshead Council	To discuss joint up approach to biodiversity in emerging Plans	Claire Dewson (SCC) Gateshead Council South Tyneside Council	To agree consistent wording for biodiversity policies in emerging plans between local authority ecologists.	Continue to liaise with each other on emerging plans	Continue to liaise with each other on emerging plans
29/11/2018	North East Aggregates Working Party Meeting	To discuss cross boundary issues including draft Local Aggregates Assessment and Monitoring Report	Gary Baker (SCC)Kevin Tipple (NCC)Claire Teasdale (DCC)Jason McKewon (DCC)Chris Carr (GC)Rachel Cooper (STC)Jane Palmer (SBC)Clive Coyne (NNPA)Rebecca Cockburn (HBC)Nick Horsley (MPA)Michael Hodges (BAA)Geoff Storey (Aggregates Industries UK)Rob Marsden (Cemex)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on draft LAA and Aggregates Monitoring Report. • Update from LPAs on minerals planning issues. • Update from minerals operators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on draft LAA and Monitoring Report by 7 December. • KT to organise next working group meeting for next year. • RC to contact GB regarding minerals supply in Tyne & Wear 	LPAs to provide feedback on LAA and Monitoring Report. KT and JM to update reports and circulate final for publication.
14/11/2018	Meeting with South Tyneside Council	To discuss DTC Statement	Louise Sloan (SCC) Neil Cole (STC)	To discuss the approach South of Tyne Council would take when preparing the DTC statement.	SCC to circulate the DTC Statement for comment	Agreed to work together to prepare statement
09/11/2018	Meeting with Gateshead Council	To discuss emerging plans	Louise Sloan (SCC) Neil Wilkinson (GC)	To discuss the approach South of Tyne Council would take when preparing the DTC statement. Discussed MSGP plan	SCC to circulate the DTC Statement for comment	Agreed to work together to prepare statement
09/11/2018	Meeting with Durham County Council	To discuss emerging plans	Louise Sloan (SCC) Mike Allum (DCC)	To discuss the approach South of Tyne Council would take when preparing the DTC statement.	SCC to circulate the DTC Statement for comment	Agreed to work together to prepare statement
16/10/2018	Meeting with The Marine Management Organisation (MMO)	To discuss submission Plan and emerging Marine Plan.	Louise Sloan (SCC) Zoe Mackay (MMO)	To discuss representation to the Publication draft to try and reach a statement of common Ground.	SCC to circulate the SOCG and insert additional text into the Plan	Agreed to meet in 2019 to discuss the allocations plan.
11/10/2018	Meeting with Natural England	To discuss CSDP representations	Claire Dewson (SCC) Ellen Bekker (NE)	To discuss representations made to the Publication Draft Core Strategy and minor modifications to the plan proposed to address these. Specific discussions about approach to HRA.	Additional work on HRA to be undertaken in response to discussions.	Additional work on HRA to be undertaken in response to discussions.

09/10/2018	Meeting with Historic England	To address Historic England's representations to the CSDP consultation and how their concerns can be addressed prior to submission.	Chris Johnson (SCC) Gary Baker (SCC) Clive Greenwood (SCC) Mark Taylor (SCC) Barbara Hooper (HE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed several instances where HE felt there could be more emphasis on conserving and enhancing the historic environment within policies and supporting text. Discussed a lack of emphasis to the historic environment/heritage assets in site specific housing growth area policies. Discussed strengthening specific heritage policies BH7, BH8, BH9. 	The matters discussed led to the agreed Statement of Common Ground (between the Council and the Historic England). The outputs of which led to several minor modifications and two proposed major modifications which will be put to the appointed inspector during examination.	Statement of Common Ground agreed outlining several minor modifications and two proposed major modifications.
09/10/2018	Meeting with NHS CCG Sunderland	To discuss CSDP representation and request from SCC on additional information.	Gary Baker (SCC) Louise Sloan (SCC) Cheryl Askill (SCC) Andrew Moss (Ward Hadaway – representing CCG) Rebecca Coates (CCG) Mark Spear (CCG) Jackie Spencer (CCG) Steve Naylor (CCG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss representations to CSDP. Discuss questions posed to CCG from SCC regarding evidence of health needs. Discussion of CCG note circulated in advance of meeting. 	CCG to prepare evidence of health needs in the city. SCC to update IDP as and when evidence of health needs is provided. SCC will identify where amendments to the plan can be made to address comments and share these with CCG, with view to signing a Statement of Common Ground.	CCG to prepare evidence of need. SCC to draft SOCG.
19/09/2018	Meeting with Natural England	To discuss HRA approach and general plan policy approach.	Claire Dewson (SCC) Natural England Newcastle City Council Gateshead Council Durham County Council North Tyneside South Tyneside Council Hartlepool Council	To discuss HRA approach and general plan policy approach to ensure consistency in emerging policy, how planning applications are assessed and appropriate mitigation.	Continue to work together on cross boundary biodiversity and HRA issues.	Continue to work together on cross boundary biodiversity and HRA issues.

18/09/2018	Meeting with Environment Agency	To discuss environmental matters relating to the CSDP and how these concerns can be addressed.	Gary Baker (SCC)James Hudson (EA)Jamie Simpson (SCC)Louise Sloan (SCC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Level 1 and Level 2. Discussed EA concerns with regard to Policy SS3: Safeguarded Land. These concerns centre upon; significant flood risk from the River Don, adverse impacts on amenity; and the sites close proximity to permitted sites which the EA regulate. Discussed Estuary Edge Technique requirements and how these could be incorporated to the CSDP. Discussed the incorporation of green infrastructure into the CSDP. Discussed the importance of Final Drainage Schemes and the need to limit SuDS which speed up infiltration into the ground and changes required to the CSDP. The EA set out the importance of a Water Management Plan in the context of the disposal of foul water including the discharge of trade effluents. Discussed the need for changes to the background text of CSDP Policy SP11. 	The matters discussed led to the agreed Statement of Common Ground (between the Council and the Environment Agency). The outputs of which led to several minor modifications and two proposed major modifications which will be put to the appointed inspector during examination.	Statement of Common Ground agreed outlining several minor modifications and two proposed major modifications.
13/09/2018	Meeting with Highways England	To discuss modelling for CSDP and HE modelling. Discussion of IAMP One planning application	Gary Baker (SCC) Louise Sloan (SCC) Iain Fairlamb (SCC) Mark Jackson (SCC) Paul Lewins (SCC) Paul Muir (SCC) Mark Goodwill (HE) James Finch (Systra representing HE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discuss outstanding HE modelling work for the CSDP. Discuss IAMP One planning approval including HE representations and ongoing legal advice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highways England to share legal opinion on IAMP One decision. SCC to have internal meeting on planning condition and report back to HE. SCC to respond to HE letter. SCC to provide letter of comfort to HE that they would underwrite costs of any abortive modelling work. SCC to send IDP to HE. HE to advise SCC if they require any additional information for modelling work. 	See Agreed Actions column.
07/09/2018	Meeting with DCC Portfolio Holder	To discuss emerging Plans with portfolio holders	Gary Baker (SCC) Louise Sloan (SCC) Cllr Porthouse (SCC) Mike Allum (DCC) Cllr Marshall (DCC)	Meeting to present proposals in emerging CSDP to relevant portfolio holder for DCC. MA also to present proposals in emerging Durham Local Plan to SCC portfolio holder.	No further actions.	Members noted the emerging plans.
17/08/2018	Meeting with South Tyneside Council and Gateshead Council	To discuss joint up approach to biodiversity in emerging Plans	Claire Dewson (SCC)Gateshead CouncilSouth Tyneside Council	To agree consistent wording for biodiversity policies in emerging plans between local authority ecologists.	Continue to liaise with each other on emerging plans	Continue to liaise with each other on emerging plans

27/07/2018	North East Heads of Planning group meeting.	Regular meeting to discuss Local Plan status.	Durham County Council, Gateshead City Council, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside, Council, Northumberland County Council, South Tyneside, Sunderland City Council.	Regular meeting to discuss Local Plan status. Implications of national policy Implications of ONS projections	Agreed to share information and continue to work together	Arrange next meeting
17/07/2018	Meeting with Highways England	To discuss CSDP and HE modelling	Gary Baker (SCC) Louise Sloan (SCC) Joanne Scott (SCC) Paul Muir (SCC) David Marshall (SCC) Mark Jackson (SCC) Linzi Milley (SCC) Mark Goodwill (HE) Paul Dixon (HE) James Finch (Systra representing HE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss Publication CSDP. • Discussions regarding modelling work and inputs. • Update on highway schemes and funding bids. 	HE to undertake new modelling work based on discussions. HE advised modelling work would take approx. 8 weeks. SCC to provide inputs for modelling work as requested. IDP will be updated to include schemes identified by HE.	HE to undertake updated modelling. SCC to update IDP once mitigation schemes identified.
14/05/2018	North East Heads of Planning group meeting.	Regular meeting to discuss Local Plan status.	Durham County Council, Gateshead City Council, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside, Council, Northumberland County Council, South Tyneside, Sunderland City Council.	Regular meeting to discuss Local Plan status. Implications of national policy Implications of ONS projections	Agreed to share information and continue to work together	Arrange next meeting
08/05/2018	Meeting	To discuss Core Strategy impacts on Green Belt between Sunderland and Gateshead	Gary Baker (SCC)Gateshead MBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed Sunderland OAN and further tweaks envisaged relating to proposed uplift from IAMP and also in relation to proposed use of 10% housing buffer • Further discussion relating to Housing Growth Areas proposed in Sunderland and how they might impact on Gateshead • Discussion relating to transport modelling • Concern that developing greenfield sites in Sunderland might be undermining housing delivery in Gateshead. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to liaise on these matters and to cooperate where feasible. • Gateshead requested to review the Green Belt Boundary Review via the consultation, and investigate issues relating to shared boundary in particular. 	Actions agreed. Ongoing work.

02/05/2018	DC Meeting with South Tyneside Council	To discuss emerging Local Plans and cross boundary matters	Louise Sloan (SCC) Gary Baker (SCC) Neil Cole (STC) Peter Mennell (STC)	SCC provided update on emerging Local Plan including content and timetable. LS advised that the SCC could not accommodate all of its housing need within the existing urban area and therefore GB deletion would be required. LS tabled letter to ask whether STC could accommodate this growth without developing in their GB. NC advised that they could not, but would respond formally to letter. NC gave update on progress of STC Local Plan	STC to respond to letter asap. SCC to consult STC on Publication Draft CSDP. Due to be presented to Cabinet on 30 May, with consultation anticipated in mid June	STC to formally respond to letter.
01/05/2018	DC Meeting with Durham County Council	To discuss emerging Local Plans and cross boundary matters	Louise Sloan (SCC) Gary Baker (SCC) Mike Allum (DCC)	SCC provided update on emerging Local Plan including content and timetable. LS advised that the SCC could not accommodate all of its housing need within the existing urban area and therefore GB deletion would be required. LS tabled letter to ask whether DCC could accommodate this growth without developing in their GB. MM advised that they could not, but would respond formally to letter. MM gave update on progress of DCC Local Plan	DCC to respond to letter asap. SCC to consult STC on Publication Draft CSDP. Due to be presented to Cabinet on 30 May, with consultation anticipated in mid June	DCC to formally respond to letter.
24/04/2018	Homes England	To discuss the plan.	Louise Sloan (SCC) Homes England	To discuss emerging local plan and land allocation including proposal for safeguarded land.	Agreed to continue to work together and meet on a regular basis to review the plan and justification for safeguarded land.	See Agreed Actions column.
20/03/2018	Regular Highways England Workshop	Ongoing engagement with HE on plan preparation	Iain Fairlamb (SCC) Louise Sloan (SCC) Gary Baker (SCC) Mark Jackson (SCC) Paul Lewins (SCC) Paul Muir (SCC) Paul Dixon (HE) Mark Goodwill (HE) James Finch (Systra)	SCC provided update on preparation of CSDP. HE provided update on when their modelling work of the impacts of the Plan would be completed. Update on progress with highways schemes and development proposals provided by engineers	Systra to issue draft report to HE on impacts of CSDP on strategic network. Systra to provide copy of report to SCC by mid-late April. SCC to provide list of potential improvement schemes to HE with regard to improvements to local network having positive impact on strategic network.	See Agreed Actions column.
20/03/2018	Meeting with Environment Agency regarding SFRA	To discuss the SFRA and any further work required	Louise Sloan (SCC) Gary Baker (SCC) Clive Greenwood (SCC) James Hudson (EA) Howard Keeble (JBA Consulting)	To discuss EA comments on draft Plan. SCC advised that boundaries of site allocations and SHLAA sites revised to avoid flood zones 2 and 3. EA advised this was supported. JBA to undertake update to Level 1 SFRA to reflect changes. Port of Sunderland would remain in flood zones 2 and 3. EA advised that policy wording was amended to ensure that any development in flood zones 2 and 3 met the exceptions and sequential test. Also a Level 2 SFRA would be required.	JBA to update Level 1 SFRA and undertake Level 2 SFRA for Port of Sunderland. Work to be completed within next 3-4 weeks. SCC to revise policy wording for Port of Sunderland as suggested and circulate to EA for comment.	See Agreed Actions column.

14/03/2018	Meeting with Natural England	To discuss HRA approach and general plan policy approach.	Claire Dewson (SCC) Natural England Newcastle City Council Gateshead Council Durham County Council North Tyneside South Tyneside Council Hartlepool Council	To discuss HRA approach and general plan policy approach to ensure consistency in emerging policy, how planning applications are assessed and appropriate mitigation.	Continue to work together on cross boundary biodiversity and HRA issues.	Continue to work together on cross boundary biodiversity and HRA issues.
09/03/2018	Meeting with South Tyneside Council and Gateshead Council	To discuss joint up approach to biodiversity in emerging Plans	Claire Dewson (SCC) Gateshead Council South Tyneside Council	To agree consistent wording for biodiversity policies in emerging plans between local authority ecologists.	Continue to liaise with each other on emerging plans	Continue to liaise with each other on emerging plans
20/02/2018	Regular Highways England Workshop	Ongoing engagement with HE on plan preparation	Iain Fairlamb (SCC) Gary Baker (SCC) Mark Jackson (SCC) Paul Lewins (SCC) Paul Muir (SCC) Paul Dixon (HE) Mark Goodwill (HE) James Finch (Systra)	SCC provided update on preparation of CSDP. SCC to provide HE with updated SHLAA schedule of sites. Discussions over potential impacts of Ferryboat Lane site on road network. HE presented potential schemes to mitigate impacts. Update on progress with highways schemes and development proposals provided by engineers	SCC to provide updated SHLAA Schedule by end of week.	See Agreed Actions column.
15/01/2018	Regular Highways England Workshop	Ongoing engagement with HE on plan preparation	Iain Fairlamb (SCC) Louise Moody (SCC) Gary Baker (SCC) Mark Jackson (SCC) Paul Lewins (SCC) Paul Muir (SCC) Paul Dixon (HE) Mark Goodwill (HE) James Finch (Systra)	Assessment of impacts back from HE by Friday. Trips difference with Temprow looks very similar. HE in process of modelling impacts with mitigation. HE have been having discussions with Capita with regard to the assumptions used in the SCC Transport Model. SCC provide update on CSDP Progress. Update on progress with highways schemes and development proposals provided by engineers	HE to provide assessment of impacts to SCC on CD by Friday.	See Agreed Actions column.
19/01/2018	Homes England	To discuss the plan.	Louise Moody (SCC) Home England	To discuss emerging local plan and land allocation including proposal for safeguarded land.	Agreed to continue to work together and meet on a regular basis to review the plan and justification for safeguarded land.	See Agreed Actions column.

15/12/2017	Meeting	To discuss Core Strategy impacts on Green Belt between Sunderland and Gateshead	Gateshead MBC, Sunderland Council (SCC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed SCC's proposed OAN, and how it is justified • Explained how all other non-Green Belt options had been examined and exhausted, but that GB incursion was necessary • Discussed the impact to Green Belt gap from proposed Housing Release Sites in Sunderland • Mentioned that SCC was commissioning a Green Belt boundary review • Discussed Gateshead's concerns relating to Green Belt gap impact, and also on how development could impact on Gateshead's infrastructure. 	Keep informed and to liaise regarding further site work to be undertaken and work on Green belt Boundary Review.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledgement of approach • General acceptance that Green Belt impact was slight, most significant between Springwell Village and Eighton Banks • No agreement on approach, Gateshead remain concerned regarding how development would impact on their local authority • Ongoing work.
14/12/2017	Homes England	To discuss the plan.	Louise Moody (SCC) Homes England	To discuss emerging local plan and land allocation including proposal for safeguarded land.	Agreed to continue to work together and meet on a regular basis to review the plan and justification for safeguarded land.	See Agreed Actions column.
01/12/2017	Transport meeting with Durham County Council	To discuss transport concerns raised through draft CSDP representations	Gary Baker (SCC) Paul Lewins (SCC) Paul Muir (SCC) David Marshall (SCC) Dave Wafer (DCC) Peter Oliver (DCC)	DCC indicated that their main area of concern was impact of SSGA on road network at south of city. SCC advised that modelling had been undertaken to assess impacts and mitigation identified including Ryhope-Doxford link road. SCC advised that planning applications already submitted/determined for most sites and its likely all applications will come forward before adoption of plan. SCC consulted DCC on all previous applications and will continue to do so. Some S106 monies have been agreed for junction improvements in DCC area. SCC will continue to consult DCC when planning applications are received and agree necessary mitigation.	SCC to consult with DCC on future SSGA applications.	See Agreed Actions column.
27/11/2017	Highways England Meeting	Ongoing engagement with HE on plan preparation	Iain Fairlamb (SCC) Louise Moody (SCC) Gary Baker (SCC) Mark Jackson (SCC) Paul Lewins (SCC) Paul Muir (SCC) Paul Dixon (HE) Mark Goodwill (HE) James Finch (Systra)	HE modelling work is nearing completion and will be sent by disk. Early indications suggest no significant issues, although some network improvements may be needed towards end of plan period. HE are working up potential mitigation schemes in the area.	HE to share modelling work when complete. SCC to take this into account in plan preparation and include any mitigation identified in the IDP.	See Agreed Actions column.

13/11/2017	NHS Hospitals Trust Meeting with South Tyneside Council	Meeting with NHS	Gary Baker (SCC) Louise Moody (SCC) Lucy Routledge (STC) Rachel Cooper (STC) Patrick Garner (NHS)	PG provided update to SCC and STC on proposals to merge some consultant-led facilities at Sunderland Hospital. The Councils asked to be kept Informed on future proposals	PG to share transport modelling work undertaken as part of proposals and to keep Council's informed of any future proposals.	See Agreed Actions column.
09/11/2017	Meeting with Gateshead Council	Discussion of SCC's OAN included within Plan	Gary Baker (SCC) Grant Rainey (GC)	GB summarised how the OAN had been calculated and the justification for an economic uplift. GR understood the reasoning for an uplift to support the IAMP, but considered the methodology to be complicated. GB indicated that further consideration would be given to simplifying the calculation. Agreed to have further discussions to understand the potential impacts on delivery of Gateshead's housing numbers within the adopted plan.	SCC to look again at OAN methodology. Further discussions in future on IAMP impacts.	See Agreed Actions column.
24/10/2017	Highways England workshop	Ongoing engagement with HE on plan preparation	Iain Fairlamb (SCC) Louise Moody (SCC) Gary Baker (SCC) Mark Jackson (SCC) Paul Lewins (SCC) Paul Muir (SCC) Paul Dixon (HE) Mark Goodwill (HE) James Finch (Systra)	HE provided update on modelling work.SCC gave update on Local Plan preparation.SCC provided update on pipeline development schemes.	HE to share modelling work when complete.SCC to take this into account in plan preparation and include any mitigation identified in the IDP.	See Agreed Actions column.
17/10/2017	Transport Meeting with South Tyneside Council	Meeting to discuss cross boundary transport issues	Louise Moody (SCC) Paul Lewins (SCC) Paul Muir (SCC) Trevor Male (STC)	To discuss the implications of Local Plans on the local and strategic road networks	Agreed to share modelling work so each authority could take into consideration	See Agreed Actions column.
13/10/2017	Meeting with Historic England	Meeting to discuss representations to Draft CSDP.	Clive Greenwood (SCC) Barbara Hooper (HE)	CG and BH discussed HE's representations and how the plan could be amended to address concerns raised.	SCC amend plan to address issues raised by HE.	See Agreed Actions column.
28/09/2017	Natural England Meeting	Meeting to discuss representations to Draft CSDP.	Gary Baker (SCC) Clive Greenwood (SCC) Claire Dewson (SCC) Ellen Bekker (NE)	SCC and NE discussed the draft plan and NE's comments on the Plan, which were still in draft.	SCC to amend plan to address issues raised.	See Agreed Actions column.

26/09/2017	Highways England Meeting	Ongoing engagement with HE on plan preparation	Iain Fairlamb (SCC) Louise Moody (SCC) Gary Baker (SCC) Mark Jackson (SCC) Paul Lewins (SCC) Paul Muir (SCC) Paul Dixon (HE) Mark Goodwill (HE) James Finch (Systra)	HE provided update on modelling work. SCC gave update on Local Plan preparation. SCC provided update on pipeline development schemes.	HE to share modelling work when complete. SCC to take this into account in plan preparation and include any mitigation identified in the IDP.	See Agreed Actions column.
12/09/2017	Meeting with South Tyneside Council	Meeting to discuss Draft CSDP	Gary Baker (SCC) Joanne Scott (SCC) Clive Greenwood (SCC) Lucy Routledge (STC) Rachel Cooper (STC) Vikki Van Sylven (STC)	SCC arranged meeting to give STC the opportunity to ask questions on the emerging Plan. STC indicated that they were generally satisfied with the draft Plan, but more detailed discussions on transport and NHS hospital mergers were needed.	GB to arrange meeting between transport officers. GB to arrange meeting with NHS	See Agreed Actions column.
11/09/2017	Meeting with Environment Agency regarding River Don	Meeting to discuss SFRA.	Louise Moody (SCC) Clive Greenwood (SCC) James Hudson (EA) Gayle Wilson (CG)	Meeting to discuss approach to SFRA and site allocations. Discussed emerging policies and implication of pump being turned off.	Agreed that SCC would send representation to a workshop being held by EA to discuss emerging data.	Continue to work together to review the allocations and prepare a SFRA level 2.
07/09/2017	Meeting with Durham County Council	Meeting to discuss emerging local plans and implications of emerging national policy	Louise Moody (SCC) Gary Baker (SCC) Clive Greenwood (SCC) Joanne Scott (SCC) Mike Allum(DCC) Greame Smith (DCC) Michelle Robinson (DCC)	SCC arranged meeting to give DCC the opportunity to ask questions on the emerging Plan. Specific discussions regarding OAN, gypsies and travellers, economic growth, IAMP, transport and Green Belt issues.	GB to arrange meeting between transport officers.	Continue to work together on cross boundary issues.
17/08/2017	Meeting with Durham County Council	Meeting to discuss emerging local plans and implications of emerging national policy	Louise Moody (SCC) Iain Fairlamb (SCC) Mike Allum (DCC) Stuart Timmiss (DCC)	SCC arranged meeting with DCC to discuss the Plan and to discuss the implications of national policy.	SCC and DCC agreed to continue to work together and to share information. Agreed officers would meet to discuss representations from DCC	Meeting with Officers

04/08/2017	Breakfast Meeting to launch draft CSDP consultation with duty-to-cooperate partners	Breakfast Meeting to launch draft CSDP consultation with duty-to-cooperate partners	Les Clark (SCC) Iain Fairlamb (SCC) Louise Moody (SCC) Gary Baker (SCC) Joanne Scott (SCC) Clive Greenwood (SCC) Environment Agency Natural England Homes England Northumbrian Water	SCC gave presentation on draft Core Strategy which was being launched for consultation. Opportunity provided for comments to be asked on the proposals within the Plan.	SCC requested representations to be submitted by the deadline.	N/A
01/08/2017	Meeting with Gateshead Council to discuss IAMP transport impacts	Meeting with Gateshead Council to discuss IAMP transport impacts	Louise Moody (SCC) George Mansbridge (STC) Trevor Male (STC) Shaun Edwards (Systra) Neil Wilkinson (GC) Stuart Corker (GC)	Meeting to finalise SOCG with Gateshead and agree approach for transport	Agreed to sign SOCG	See Agreed Actions column.
14/07/2017	South of Tyne Meeting	To discuss DTC issues		Meeting of South of Tyne Planning Policy Management to discuss emerging local plans and cross boundary issues including housing numbers, transport and economic growth.	Agreed to meet on a regular basis to progress local plans.	

12/07/2017	Meeting	Strategic Road Network	Planning Policy, Council Transport Engineers, Highways England, CAPITA, Systra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Sunderland Local Plan – draft Core Strategy & Development Plan going to Cabinet 19 July, with consultation due to take place 7 Aug.-2 Oct. 2017. • Systra updated on their transport modelling work in the area for Highways England. • Discussion of proposed Core Strategy’s strategic and Green Belt release development sites – main concerns were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A19(T)/A1231 interchange – likely southbound sliproad tailbacks onto the A19, esp. following IAMP; - A1231 Wessington Way/Ferryboat Lane roundabout – southern leg of the latter may need to be closed off as a result of likely traffic impacts from the proposed adjacent North Hylton site on Ferryboat Lane (South); - A19(T)/A183 interchange – likely it will be impacted by proposed large-scale Green Belt housing development to north-east of Houghton-le-Spring; - A19(T)/A690 Doxford Park interchange – likely significant impacts from the combination of South Sunderland Growth Area sites north of Burdon Lane; - A194(M)/A184(T) White Mare Pool interchange (on South Tyneside/Gateshead boundary) – likely significant impacts from the combination of planned and proposed housing and employment developments across the wider area (esp. Green Belt releases, incl. from IAM - Capita’s draft Initial Assessment of Transport Impacts (June 2017) – P). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted updating required for figures relating to Core Strategy allocation sites, SHLAA sites and Green Belt releases. • Agreed to note in emerging Infrastructure Delivery Plan that meetings will continue to be held between the council and Highways England in relation to managing and mitigating the likely traffic impacts of development proposals and allocations. • Agreed council would send Highways England and Systra a copy of the latest draft IDP (transport sections). • Update on IAMP. 	Actions agreed. Ongoing work.
22/06/2017	Meeting with Homes England	To discuss emerging Plan and funding opportunities	Louise Moody (SCC) Les Clarke (SCC) Iain Fairlamb (SCC) Nick Wood (SCC) Gill Hay (HE)	Meeting to discuss the Local Plan, housing Strategy and approach to sites. Disused future funding opportunities	Agreed to share Plan and meet regular to discuss sites	See Agreed Actions column.
16/06/2017	IAMP meeting with Gateshead Council	To discuss transport related matters for IAMP	Louise Moody (SCC) George Mansbridge (STC) Neil Wilkinson (GC) Grant Rainey (GC)	Meeting to finalise SOCG with Gateshead and agree approach for transport	Agreed to share and update the SOCG	See Agreed Actions column.
15/06/2017	Highways England Liaison Meeting	To discuss the emerging Plan	Louise Moody (SCC) Paul Muir (SCC) Iain Fairlamb (SCC) Mark Goodwill (HE) Paul Dixon (HE) James Finch (Systra)	Meeting to discuss the emerging Local Plan and the impacts on the SRN. HE discussed emerging scheme. Agreed further modelling work was required and this would be prepared for publication	Agreed to prepare a model to assess the impacts on the SRN	See Agreed Actions column.

16/05/2017	IAMP meeting with Gateshead Council	To discuss impacts on Follingsby lane	Louise Moody (SCC) George Mansbridge (STC) Neil Wilkinson (GC)	To discuss the implications of the Plan on Follingsby Lane.	Agreed to amend the policy text and sign a statement of common ground	See Agreed Actions column.
25/05/2017	Highways England workshop for Testos DCO	Workshop on Testos DCO	Gary Baker (SCC) Toni Sambridge (SCC) Trevor Male (STC) HE Major Projects Team	HE gave a presentation to provide local authorities with details of DCO for junction improvements at Testos roundabout. Opportunity for questions provided.	No further actions.	N/A
09/05/2017	Meeting regarding North East Planning Framework	To discuss the North East Framework	Louise Moody (SCC) Iain Fairlamb (SCC) George Mansbridge (STC) Ian Cansfield (Cundall)	Meeting to discuss the preparation of a North East Planning Framework. To discuss the status of the document and future role	Agreed the document would have limited weight. Agreed to review the brief and send comments	See Agreed Actions column.
31/03/2017	Meeting	Strategic Road Network	Clive Greenwood, Council Transport Engineers, Highways England	Discussion relating to development sites and modelling of key junctions – cumulative impact of SHLAA and potential impact on junctions (dependent upon delivery trajectories). A19/A690 junction of particular concern with overall development proposals. Change of personnel with Highways England from April 2017.	Revised SHLAA data to be sent to Highways England asap.	Actions agreed. Ongoing work.
16/02/2017	North East Heads of Planning group meeting.	Regular meeting to discuss Local Plan status.	Durham County Council, Gateshead City Council, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside, Council, Northumberland County Council, South Tyneside, Sunderland City Council.	Regular meeting to discuss Local Plan status. Implications of national policy Implications of ONS projections	Agreed to share information and continue to work together	Arrange next meeting

12/12/2016	PAS ditch meetings with other NE authorities	To discuss MoU and emerging plans	Durham Council, Gateshead Council, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council, South Tyneside Council, Sunderland City Council.	Discussion between local authorities on Local Plan progress and whether the MoU required to be updated.	Identified where there is likely to be cross boundary ditch issues where further discussions should take place.	SCC to have ongoing engagement with other authorities, particularly DCC, STC and GC.
01/12/2016	Meeting	Housing and Green Belt discussion.	South Tyneside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunderland Green Belt methodology to be sent to STMBC • OAN discussed for both Councils • South Tyneside SLR being used to determine Green Belt sites most likely for development • Site proposed next to Town End Farm will need considerable S106 for Sunderland if access is from Sunderland area • Possibility of a proposed village at Wardley that could impact on Local Wildlife Sites but keep green infrastructure corridors open • Concern that some sites in South Tyneside were impacting on GI corridor between Sunderland and STMBC. 	Agreed to continue to keep each local authority updated as work continues.	Actions agreed. Ongoing work.

21/11/2016`	Viability Workshop	Viability Workshop	<p>Simon Drummond-Hay (HDH Planning & Development Ltd) Louise Moody (Sunderland City Council) Gary Baker (Sunderland City Council) Cheryl Askell (Sunderland City Council) Liz McEvoy (Sunderland City Council) Linzi Milley (Sunderland City Council) David Gustard (Sunderland City Council) Joe Ridgeon (Avant Homes) James Reid (Barratt Homes) Caroline Strugnell (Bellway) Gavin Cordwell-Smith (Hellens) Katie Rumble (Hellens) Adam McVickers (Persimmon) Neil Hartley (Siglion) Alan Davies (Miller Homes) Rob Flucker (Knight Frank) Richard Swann (Cundall) J Platts (Knight Frank) M Wilks (HCA)</p>	<p>1. Louise Moody (LM) provided an update of the preparation of the Local Plan and the purpose of the workshop. 2. Simon Drummond-Hay (SDH) presented the initial findings of the viability modelling work which had been undertaken. It was agreed that the slides would be sent to attendees and the other invitees who were unable to attend to provide comments in writing. All comments should be received within two weeks of the workshop (i.e. by 5 December 2016). SDH invited questions throughout the presentation on the assumptions made within the report and the areas of discussion are highlighted below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe Ridgeon (JR) commented that sales values vary significantly within the city and this needed to be taken into consideration. Others agreed with this point. SDH indicated it is necessary to make some assumptions and to bring together a range of evidence sources that are often inconsistent and certainly not clear cut. SDH will review this (see below). • Gavin Cordwell-Smith (GCS) indicated that the development industry generally used Imperial measurements in their costings rather than metric. SDH advised that he would add the key figures in imperial within the final report for clarity. • Caroline Strugnell (CS) suggested the sales values used seemed higher than the evidence suggested. All attendees agreed that the sales values, particularly for greenfield sites appeared to be too high. SDH indicated that most of the sales evidence had been drawn from brownfield sites rather than greenfield sites and therefore he had looked at greenfield sales values from the wider area to arrive at his figure. However, attendees agreed that using greenfield sales values from Newcastle and North Tyneside would not be appropriate for Sunderland where sales values are lower. CS suggested that SDH used sales values from greenfield sites in the city that are currently under development. • It was put forward that sale values were broadly consistent between greenfield and brownfield sites, therefore any uplift to greenfield values should only be marginally higher. • GCS suggested that the modelling was over-complicated and that sales values didn't really differ as a result of site size, except on the largest greenfield sites of over 500 units or so, it was mainly down to the area. • GCS suggested the following sales values were broadly indicative in each sub-area. Those in attendance were generally in agreement of these levels: Coalfield: £150-£170 per sq ft Washington: £170-£200 per sq ft South Sunderland: £180-£190 per sq ft North Sunderland: £150-£170 per sq ft Central: £145-£170 per sq ft (although it was acknowledged that the market varied street by street). • SDH indicated he would review the assumptions presented in light of the above, but asked that those present to provide evidence of these sales values. • Limited comments received regarding affordable housing assumptions, but it was suggested that developers generally work off transfer values rather than price per square foot. • SDH provided his assumptions for starter homes and his expectation that more information would be published on how these would be delivered soon. M Wilks (MW) indicated that he was there on behalf of the HCA and that the guidance wouldn't be published until 2017 at the earliest. • GCS commented that the yield of 5.5% for intermediate housing seemed quite low. Alan Davies (AD) suggested it was more like 6%. SDH explained that he has arrived at this based on his experience and was aware of yields being agreed at much lower values (less than 4%) elsewhere recently. • SDH advised that for residential uses, no allowance has been made for purchasers costs, although this had been factored in for commercial development. SDH indicated that this would be made clear in the report. • Older persons sales values – no specific feedback • No feedback was received on commercial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDH to review sales values and assumptions made in response to JR. • SDH to add the key figures in imperial within the final report for clarity in response to GCS. • SDH to review the assumptions re: sales values, but asked developers who agreed to provide evidence of these sales values to justify a change. • SDH agreed to undertake sensitivity testing for abnormal as part of the final report. 2 week timescale for attendees to submit their comments to the Draft Viability Report. Deadline 5 December 2016. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was generally agreed by those in attendance that the £907 figure for development costs used sounded ok. • It was generally agreed by those in attendance that a max build out rate of 35 market dwellings per year was about right. • SDH agreed to undertake sensitivity testing for abnormal as part of the final report.
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24/11/2016	Environment Agency - update / progress meeting	To update the EA, as statutory consultees, with the recent progress around the IAMP AAP and DCO	Fraser Maxwell (Arup) James Hudson (EA) Rob Carr (EA)	To discuss IAMP proposals and impact on the Environment, particularly flood risk and the River Don corridor	Refer Meeting Notes	
31/10/2016	South of Tyne Meeting	To discuss DTC issues	Louise Moody (SCC) Neil Wilkinson (GC) Mike Allum (DCC) Andrea King (STC)	Meeting of South of Tyne Planning Policy Management to discuss emerging local plans and cross boundary issues including housing numbers, transport and economic growth.	Agreed to meet on a regular basis to progress local plans.	
17/11/2016	South of Tyne Officers Meeting	To discuss DTC issues	Louise Moody (SCC) Neil Wilkinson (GC) Mike Allum (DCC) Andrea King (STC)	Meeting to discuss emerging plans and implications for the authorities	All to share emerging policies	Arrange meeting in the new year to discuss draft policies.
16/11/2016	Meeting with the HCA	To discuss establishment of new Housing Strategy Team	Louise Moody (SCC) Liz McEvoy (SCC) Les Clark (SCC) HCA	Meeting to discuss the Local Plan and the Housing Strategy. Meeting to agree points of contact and emerging issues	SCC to arrange regular meetings to discuss affordable homes	SCC to arrange a further meeting in 2017
15/11/2016	Meeting with Highways England	To discuss Local Plan and development sites	Louise Moody (SCC) Clive Greenwood (SCC) Paul Muir (SCC) Dave Marshall (SCC) Danielle Pearson (SCC) Ian Radley (HE) Paul Dixon (HE)	Discuss the modelling work that had been undertaken on the Plan and to discuss the emerging sites and impact this could have on the SRN.	SCC to review the model. HE to send comments on the sites	SCC to arrange a further meeting in 2017
11/11/2016	Meeting with Sport England	To discuss comments on emerging IAMP AAP	Louise Moody (SCC) Victoria French (SCC) Dave McGuire (SE)	Discussion of issues relating to playing pitches on the emerging IAMP site and additional work required to satisfy Sport England	SCC to amend emerging Plan to address SE concerns	SCC to amend emerging Plan to address SE concerns
11/11/2016	Meeting with Historic England	To discuss comments on emerging IAMP AAP	Louise Moody (SCC) Gary Baker (SCC) Barbara Hooper (HE)	Discussion of historic environment issues on the emerging IAMP AAP and additional work required to satisfy Historic England.	SCC to amend emerging Plan to address HE concerns	SCC to amend emerging Plan to address HE concerns

09/11/2016	Meeting with Gateshead Council regarding IAMP AAP	Meeting to discuss emerging AAP	Louise Moody (SCC) Iain Fairlamb (SCC) George Mansbridge (STC) Andrea King (STC) Annielise Hutchinson (GC) Neil Wilkinson (GC)	Meeting to discuss the implications of the IAMP AAP. The approach undertaken and the representations submitted by CGG	Agreed to amend the policy approach to be specific regarding principal uses for the IAMP	Agreed to sign a statement of common ground
06/10/2016	North East Planning Framework meeting with Planning Advisory Service.	Discuss proposed DCMoU Position Statement update, NE Planning Framework, regional spatial narrative and investment pipeline.	Durham Council, Gateshead Council, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council, South Tyneside Council, Sunderland City Council.	Noted recent 'seminal' inspector and court decision on DtC in Bedfordshire – not a list of dates, but an audit trail of key decisions (nature of decisions, matters at issues, involvement of Members, etc.). Noted need to review and update the NE DtC MoU, governance structure and position statement to ensure fit for purpose for supporting forthcoming local plan submissions. Noted evolving Devolution situation and implications for local plans and DtC – would need to respond to the Government's main drivers to drive up housing supply, increasing home ownership, devolving power to boost jobs and growth, supporting communities with excellent public services, and infrastructure to support growth. Noted Government proposals for LAs to have 'produced a local plan' by 2017, albeit awaiting clarity on when this would be measured from (PAS view that initially likely to focus on plans published/adopted since the P&CP Act 2004, but then later turning to post- NPPF plans.	Agreed no requirement to have a NE spatial strategy key diagram to comply with DTC, albeit arguably desirable to do so, and thus no longer to progress with the expanded SEP-based key diagram. Agreed PAS to chair/facilitate an officers' workshop with consultancy support (via PAS framework) to source an 'editor' to draft an update MoU, governance structure and position statement – all seven LAs to share the cost of the PAS/consultancy support.	
29/09/2016	Meeting	To discuss Green Belt in Durham and in North East	Durham County Council, Sunderland Council, Gateshead MBC, Northumberland CC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each authority gave an overview relating to Green Belt • Durham's approach to Green Belt now being revisited to include areas beyond Durham City • Durham CC did not consider Seaham as a "large built-up area" and therefore questioned why Houghton-Hetton was classed in this way. • Query whether Sunderland's Green Belt should be extended to include Elba Park, since Green Belt now existed to the west of this site in County Durham • Durham has no proposals for development on Sunderland's boundary. 	Actions agreed. Ongoing work.	

29/09/2016	Meeting with Environment Agency	To discuss the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the emerging Local Plan	Louise Moody (SCC) Clive Greenwood (SCC) Paul Armin (SCC) James Hudson (EA)	Meeting to discuss the SFRA and the implications for the sites identified in the CSDP To discuss the policy approach to the Port	Agreed to send a draft of the SFRA for EA comments. Agreed to speak via the telephone to agree changes to the SFRA	Set up conference call. SCC to send SFRA to EA for comments.
21/09/2016	Meeting with NHS CCG Sunderland	To discuss how health issues can be addressed through the emerging Plan	Louise Moody (SCC) Gillian Gibson (SCC) Julie Parker-Walton (SCC) Helen Steadman (CCG) F Hanson (CCG)	Discussions with the CCG to see how we can seek to address health issues through the emerging Core Strategy	Agreed LM would continue to work closely with Public Health and the CCG during the preparation of the Plan. GG to attend Local Plan Board	LM to invite GG to Plan Board and keep Public Health and CCG involved.
19/09/2016	Meeting	Strategic Road Network	Clive Greenwood, Council Transport Engineers, Highways England (HE)	To discuss ongoing transport modelling, impact on IAMP, impact on A19, impact on possible development sites within Green Belt, and discuss Infrastructure Delivery Plan. No further update on IAMP junctions.	Council to consider further possible Green Belt sites and liaise with HE within 6 weeks. Further liaison to take place re the SSGA between HE and Council Engineers. This will include investigation of sites at Springwell Village and potential impact to A1.	Above actions agreed. Ongoing work. HE transport modelling will show development sites in red, amber and green.
19/09/2016	Highways England Meeting	To discuss Growth Options and sites for modelling	Louise Moody (SCC) Clive Greenwood (SCC) Paul Muir (SCC) Dave Marshall (SCC) Ian Radley (HE) Paul Dixon (HE)	Meeting to discuss Growth Options consultation and emerging modelling work being undertaken by HE.	SCC to continue to keep HE updated on any changes to the emerging Plan and proposed sites. HE to share modelling work with SCC when complete.	SCC to continue to keep HE updated on any changes to the emerging Plan and proposed sites. HE to share modelling work with SCC when complete.
30/08/2016	Meeting with NE authorities facilitated by PAS	To discuss regional housing issues	Louise Moody (SCC) Gary Baker (SCC) Mike Allum (DCC) Neil Wilkinson (GC) Andrea King (STC) Neil Cole (NTC) Emma Warneford (NCC) Joan Sanderson (NCC) PAS	Meeting to discuss cross boundary housing issues, particularly seeking to address OAN flows between authorities aimed at ensuring Local Plans were compatible.	Continue to work together on cross boundary housing issues	Continue to work together on cross boundary housing issues

23/08/2016	Meeting with South of Tyne Officers	To discuss emerging Local Plan.	Iain Fairlamb (SCC) Louise Moody (SCC) George Mansbridge (STC) Andrea King (STC) Mike Allum (DCC) Neil Wilkinson (GC)	Meeting to discuss emerging IAMP AAP. Meeting focussed on Green Belt impacts, housing impacts and transport impact. SCC and STC updated on Impact Papers prepared for the IAMP.	SCC and STC to continue to keep neighbouring authorities involved in preparation of AAP.	SCC and STC to continue to keep neighbouring authorities involved in preparation of AAP.
19/08/2016	Meeting with South Tyneside Council	To discuss joint IAMP AAP	Louise Moody (SCC) George Mansbridge (STC)	Meeting to discuss emerging IAMP AAP. LM recently started at SCC and GM provided update on IAMP proposals	SCC and STC to work together on preparation of AAP.	SCC and STC to work together on preparation of AAP.
28/07/2016	Meeting with the HCA	To discuss emerging Plan and funding opportunities	Louise Moody (SCC) HCA	Discussion with the HCA regarding the recently completed Growth Options consultation and funding opportunities for housing growth	Continue to have ongoing dialogue as part of the preparation of the Plan.	Continue to have ongoing dialogue as part of the preparation of the Plan
22/06/2016	North East Planning Framework Meeting	Discuss proposed NE Planning Framework, regional spatial narrative and investment pipeline.	Durham County Council, Gateshead City Council, South Tyneside Council, Sunderland City Council, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council.	DtC MoU, governance diagram and position statement review/updating. NE spatial narrative and NEPF differences, roles and purposes. SEP and local plans capacity and deliverability issues.	Update regional governance organogram, but slimmed down with Planning as the focal thread for inclusion with the MoU. Update NE MoU Position Statement and identify areas for further work. Update SEP implementation plan's diagram to include strategic housing sites and Metro network for inclusion with the non-statutory spatial framework.	Agreed no amendments needed to DtC MoU itself. Need to clarify purpose, role and audience of the spatial narrative. Need to advise Economic Directors that current and emerging Local Plans will not deliver the SEP's scale of ambitions for growth. Agreed each LA to be represented at the forthcoming RTPI Great North Plan workshops.
17/06/2016	Meeting	To discuss impact of South Tyneside SLR on Sunderland	South Tyneside MBC, Sunderland City Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further work required to consider impact on HRA Concern that some sites impact on Green Belt gap between South Tyneside and Sunderland Concern whether sites would impact on Cut Throat Dene at Seaburn, and whether STMBC analysis had considered Critical drainage Areas Concern that sites could impact on Sunderland road network. Likewise STMBC concern that SHLAA sites in Sunderland could impact on South Tyneside Concern that sites beside A19 could impact on IAMP and A19 road junctions. 	Both Local Authorities to consider impacts in more detail and liaise at future date.	Actions agreed. Ongoing work.

19/05/2016	Meeting	Strategic Road Network	Clive Greenwood, Council Transport Engineers, Highways England	Initial modelling results discussed, Specific sites and site issues discussed.	Need for data to be shared with Capita to discuss Growth Options and to continue liaison with Highways England.	Above actions agreed. Ongoing work.
11/05/2016	Workshop Launch	Discuss South Tyneside Strategic Land Review Launch	South Tyneside Council, Sunderland Council, various other Councils plus statutory and non-statutory organisations.	Opportunity to discuss Strategic Land Review issues in relation to STMBC and Sunderland.	Highways England agreed to further investigate impact on A19 junctions.	To further discuss potential for Green Belt deletion in South Tyneside and whether STMBC would resist Green Belt incursion and look to Sunderland Council to provide Green Belt sites to cover their shortfall.
21/01/2016	Meeting with South Tyneside Council	Meeting to discuss emerging local plans	Gary Clasper (SCC) Andrea King (STC)	Discussion around emerging Local Plans.	Continue to liaise closely with each other on cross boundary planning issues.	
13/01/2016	Local Plans meeting.	Discuss preparation of Local Plans.	South Tyneside, Sunderland City Council	Discussion around emerging Local Plans.	Continue to liaise closely with each other on cross boundary planning issues.	
16/12/2015	Duty to Cooperate Meeting with Durham	Discuss OAN	Joanne Scott (SCC) Gary Clasper (SCC) Mike Allum (DCC) Greame Smith (DCC)	Discussion around emerging modelling work both authorities are preparing for their emerging plans.	To liaise closely on OAN issues to understand cross boundary issues.	
14/12/2015	Meeting with Highways England	Discuss Strategic Road Network	Clive Greenwood. Council Transport Engineers, Highways England	To discuss modelling of development sites against the Strategic Road Network – in relation to the Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan, Employment Land Review, Strategic Land Review and SHLAA.	To ensure that all data is sent to Highways England for modelling to be run.	Above agreed. Ongoing work.
14/12/2015	Local Plans meeting	Discuss preparation of Local Plans	Planning policy officers – South Tyneside, Sunderland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IAMP • objectively-assessed needs, strategic land and Green Belt reviews • HRA evidence base studies 	Continue to liaise closely with each other on cross boundary planning issues.	
10/12/2015	North East Heads of Planning group meeting.	Regular meeting to discuss Local Plan status.	Durham County Council, Gateshead City Council, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council, South Tyneside, Sunderland City Council.	Regular meeting to discuss Local Plan status. Implications of national policy Implications of ONS projections	Agreed to share information and continue to work together	Arrange next meeting

02/12/2015	South of Tyne Planning Policy Liaison meeting.	Update on Local Plans and related policy progress, share knowledge and experience and discuss DtC issues and joint working.	Durham County Council, Gateshead City Council, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council, South Tyneside, Sunderland City Council	<p>Sunderland collating evidence on objectively- assessed needs and growth options for Core Strategy, but PINS advising that priority should be the IAMP AAP.</p> <p>Noted South Tyneside and Sunderland joint working on Habitats Regulations Assessment evidence base surveys.</p> <p>Noted indicative timetable for the IAMP AAP and planning application, and need to discuss cross- boundary issues in more depth.</p> <p>Gateshead progressing Water SPD – Sunderland and South Tyneside noted interest in more active joint involvement, Durham keeping a watching brief.</p> <p>South Tyneside and Sunderland looking at jointly commissioning SHMA update – potential for joint South of Tyne overview.</p>	Continue to liaise closely with each other on cross boundary planning issues.	
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13/11/2015	North East Duty to Co-operate MoU workshop with Planning Advisory Service	Discuss proposed NE DtC MoU Position Statement update	Heads of Planning and Planning policy officers – Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland PAS/PBA	Noted that Devolution for the NE will require some form of strategic spatial strategy – presently expected to be a North East Planning Framework (and recognising that the NPPF does not entirely 'work' in this region) – but no appetite from Government to re-introduce an RSS-style statutory framework, albeit concerns at how a non-statutory plan would maintain agreement between all parties and how it would be 'tested'. Discussion on growth strategies – population/migration change and its impact on housing and employment and transport infrastructure considered to be main strategic issues, but noted main driver of regional issues is the economy and concerns re. job losses – but different dynamics between neighbouring authorities. Noted that reconciling the region's ambition with the evidence is crucial in satisfying the ambitious yet deliverable balance required by the NPPF – lack of viability of Brownfield sites in this region and the funding gap to deliver development in reality raised as a concern. Noted cumulative impacts of all the region's ambitions on Green Belt, minerals resources, waste and utilities (e.g. electricity supply). Noted Durham inspector's interim report had been quashed – council resolution to withdraw the plan and refresh it, so now reviewing evidence base with view to examination in summer 2016. Noted Newcastle- Gateshead joint Core Strategy adopted (now working on site allocations), and Sunderland and South Tyneside working on a joint AAP for IAMP. Noted North Tyneside and Northumberland local plans now published and out for consultation. Concerns raised about balancing the strategies and growth ambitions and assumptions within each LA's local plans – differing assumptions (e.g. re. migration and commuting rates) mean they cannot be applied simultaneously (several LAs seeking the same piece of the cake) which thus affects their realism and delivery	PAS to provide examples of different models for strategic planning used elsewhere and how they have fitted with LPA plans sitting beneath them. Collate a consistent Census 2011 baseline of population, housing and economic growth statistics being used for each LPA's local plans, and in what ways any LPAs are seeking to change things or seeking to use alternative data/assumptions.	DtC STC 15.12.16 AK Need to consider how this group can best influence NECA, and how they will feed back into each LPA's local plans process – the LPAs must be seen as part of the solution. Agreed need for greater alignment of the region's local plans in terms of evidence base and growth assumptions to help ensure their cumulative delivery.
06/11/2015	Employment Land Review Workshop	To present findings of emerging ELR to workshop and allow input	Gary Baker (SCC) Gary Clasper (SCC) Andrew Perkin (SCC) Ross Lillico (NLP) Harvey Emms (NLP) DCC STC GC	Presentation by NLP who were preparing the emerging ELR. Opportunity for range of stakeholders to have an input.	NLP to take on board feedback as part of ELR.	NLP to take on board feedback as part of ELR.
14/05/2015	Local Plans joint meeting with South Tyneside	Cross-boundary issues	Joanne Scott (SCC) Gary Clasper (SCC) Andrea King (SCC) Ben Stubbs Deborah Lamb Matthew Thornhill	OAN SHLAA Green Belt	Continue to liaise closely with each other on cross boundary planning issues.	

09/03/2015	South of Tyne Planning Policy Liaison meeting	Update on Local Plans and related policy progress, share knowledge and experience and discuss DtC issues and joint working.	Durham County Council, Gateshead City Council, South Tyneside Council, Sunderland City Council.	Noted County Durham Plan inspector's interim report published 18 Feb. 2015, recommending 'unsound' and critical of spatial strategy and SEP, Green Belt releases and allocations for housing and economic growth, and also questioning effectiveness of NE DtC MoU (contrary to Newcastle-Gateshead inspector's view) – Durham meeting PINS in March re. possible Judicial Review. Noted Durham CIL on hold pending Local Plan situation. Noted Durham have 15 neighbourhood areas designated for neighbourhood planning work. Newcastle-Gateshead joint Core Strategy inspector's report published 6 Mar. 2015, recommending 'sound' subject to modifications – adoption by both full	Durham to highlight key inspector's report sections with implications for neighbouring authorities and for comment.	Gateshead agreed to lead on a potential joint South of Tyne Water/SuDS SPD – forthcoming regional SuDS working group meeting to discuss further. Agreed need to review/update the DtC MoU and governance diagram (in light of Durham inspector's comments), together with updating the position statement
27/01/2015	NECA - Heads of Planning Meeting	Regular meeting to discuss Local Plan status.	Heads of Planning and Housing - Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland	Regular meeting to discuss Local Plan status. Implications of national policy Implications of ONS projections Investment pipeline of sites	Collate schedule/investment pipeline of housing, employment and town centre infrastructure sites/projects	
02/12/2014	South of Tyne Planning Policy Liaison meeting	Update on Local Plans and related policy progress, share knowledge and experience and discuss DtC issues and joint working	Planning policy officers – Durham, Gateshead, South Tyneside, Sunderland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunderland collating evidence on objectively-assessed needs and growth options for Core Strategy, but PINS advising that priority should be the IAMP AAP • noted South Tyneside and Sunderland joint working on Habitats Regulations Assessment evidence base surveys • noted indicative timetable for the IAMP AAP and planning application, and need to discuss cross-boundary issues in more depth • Gateshead progressing Water SPD – Sunderland and South Tyneside noted interest in more active joint involvement, Durham keeping a watching brief • South Tyneside and Sunderland looking at jointly commissioning SHMA update – potential for joint South of Tyne overview • noted new NE Combined Authority Heads of Planning and Housing Group being established 	Continue to work together on cross boundary planning issues.	

11/09/2014	Local Plans meeting.	Discuss preparation of Local Plans.	South Tyneside Council, Sunderland City Council.	Discuss work on emerging local plans and evidence.	Continue to work together on cross boundary planning issues.	
10/09/2014	North East Heads of Planning group meeting.	Regular meeting to discuss Local Plan status.	Durham County Council, Gateshead City Council, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside, Council, Northumberland County Council, South Tyneside, Sunderland City Council.	Regular meeting to discuss Local Plan status. Implications of national policy Implications of ONS projections	Agreed to share information and continue to work together	Arrange next meeting
04/06/2014	North East Heads of Planning group meeting	Regular meeting to discuss Local Plan status.	Heads of Planning - Durham, (Gateshead, Newcastle,) North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland	Noted recent revised ONS population projections, and to see how on-going examinations deal with this and in relation to objections re. Green Belt development. Noted NE Strategic Economic Plan had been published by NE LEP – 39 projects to be delivered through Single Local Growth Fund, including 6 transport schemes being delivered through the Combined Authority. Feedback from opening days of Newcastle- Gateshead Core Strategy examination – lots of concerns re. adequacy of consultation processes and scale of Green Belt development in terms of Duty to Co-operate.	Discuss governance arrangements for HoP group with Economic Directors to set clearer structured role and in relation to NE LEP goals. Contact Darlington re. its approach to long-term maintenance of SuDS through S106, and share technical expertise in supporting new LA role as SuDS Approval Bodies.	Need for further meetings with utilities companies re. cross- boundary infrastructure. Arrange joint meeting between HoP and NE Directors of Public Health.
29/05/2014	Local Plans meeting	Discuss preparation of Local Plans	Planning policy officers – South Tyneside, Sunderland	Discuss work on emerging local plans and evidence.	Continue to work together on cross boundary planning issues.	

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Dear Neil

Sunderland Core Strategy and Development Plan

As you will already be aware, Sunderland City Council is currently in the process of preparing its Core Strategy and Development Plan (CSDP), which will set out the strategic planning policies for the city in the plan period up to 2033.

In developing the CSDP and its supporting evidence, it has become clear that in order to accommodate the Council's Objectively Assessed Housing Needs in full within the administrative boundaries of Sunderland, it would be necessary for the Council to review its Green Belt boundaries to accommodate the levels of growth anticipated.

As part of the duty-to-cooperate, Sunderland City Council would therefore like to formally request whether Gateshead Council would be able to accommodate some of this growth, without the need to review your own Green Belt boundaries to do so.

A meeting has been arranged with you to discuss this and other duty-to-cooperate issues on 2 May 2017.

In order to support the preparation of the CSDP in a timely manner, it would be greatly appreciated if you could provide a response to this letter by Friday 4th May 2018.

Yours faithfully

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14 June 2018
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Dear Louise,

RE: Sunderland City Council Draft Core Strategy and Development Plan

I write in response to your letter dated 17 May 2018, enquiring about the ability of Gateshead Council to accommodate a portion of the housing needs identified by Sunderland City Council in its emerging Core Strategy and Development Plan (CSDP).

As you will be aware, Gateshead Council is in the process of preparing its Site Allocations and Development Management Policies document: Making Spaces for Growing Places (MSGP). An important component of the evidence supporting MSGP will be an up-to-date assessment of housing supply. Accordingly, the Council is currently carrying out a review of potential housing sites, to be published in a new Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment that will support the Submission Draft MSGP. While we are confident that Gateshead has a supply of housing sites capable of meeting the needs identified in our adopted Local Plan, at this stage we are unable to determine whether there is a significant 'surplus' capacity that would allow us to accommodate additional housing growth.

Notwithstanding the current uncertainty over the potential for 'surplus' housing capacity in Gateshead, there are a number of other considerations that suggest it may not be appropriate for Gateshead to accommodate a portion of the housing need identified in the emerging CSDP.

Despite evidence of a strong supply of housing sites in Gateshead in quantitative terms (our most recent assessment identified a 10.3 year supply of deliverable housing sites), recent net housing completions in Gateshead have been significantly below the targets established in our adopted Local Plan. There are several factors influencing

housing delivery in Gateshead, and the Council is working towards addressing the shortfall in delivery. However, in our view a lack of grant funding in recent years from Homes England has hindered the Council's ability to bring forward development of sustainable brownfield sites in Gateshead.

We also note that while net housing completions in Gateshead have been below our adopted target, several of our neighbouring local authority areas have delivered a relatively high volume of housing completions (substantially higher than their indicative 'housing need' figure as calculated by the application of MHCLG's proposed Local Housing Need Assessment). This could suggest that some of our neighbouring local authority areas have effectively accommodated housing growth that would have otherwise been met within Gateshead.

Given these considerations, it would be inappropriate to increase Gateshead's housing targets at this stage by accommodating some of the housing growth identified within the emerging CSDP.

We look forward to further engagement with Sunderland City Council through consultation on our respective Local Plan documents.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anneliese Hutchinson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Anneliese Hutchinson

Development, Transport and Public Protection
Communities and Environment
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16 May 2018

Dear Louise

Sunderland Core Strategy and Development Plan

I would refer to your letter dated 19 April 2018 in connection with the emerging plan for the City and our subsequent Duty to Cooperate meeting on 2 May.

As you will be aware, this Council has also commenced its own formal review of the Borough's development plan and has begun to appraise its own land supply options. This has revealed that there will not be a sufficient supply of suitable land to meet the Borough's own growth requirements. Moving forward, an option this Council will need to give careful consideration to will be to review the Borough's own Green Belt Boundaries.

Accordingly, with specific regard to your request, I would formally confirm that this Council will not be in a position to meet any of your housing needs. In the event that it did, it would likely displace the need to release Green Belt from Sunderland to South Tyneside.

I am sorry that I cannot provide a more positive response in this matter, but trust it clarifies the position of this Council. However, do not hesitate to contact me should you need any further information.

Yours faithfully

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15th May 2018

Dear Louise,

Sunderland Core Strategy and Development Plan

Thank you for your letter of the 19th April 2018 regarding Sunderland's Core Strategy.

In regard to your enquiry as to whether Durham County Council would be able to accommodate some of your proposed growth in order to avoid the need to review your Green Belt boundaries. I can confirm that at this stage in the preparation of our local plan we are unable to accommodate any of your proposed housing growth in County Durham.

As part of the Duty to Co-operate we will of course continue to work with you as both of our plans progress and will look to prepare Statements of Common Ground as appropriate.

Yours sincerely

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