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Which Main Modification does your representation rel	ate to?
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Do you consider that the proposed Main Modification meets the legal and procedural requirements?	No
Do you consider the proposed Main Modification addr	esses the following issues?
Positively Prepared	No
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Please give details of why the proposed Main Modification is not legally compliant or is unsound. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the proposed Main Modification, you can also use this box. Please set out which modification you are referring to.

1. Providing a focus on larger detached dwellings will not meet the need for social/affordable housing. There has already been a large supply of detached houses in the Coalfield area and these are taking a while to sell which begs the question 'are they needed?' 3vi Modifications in relation to HGA9 will

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If you wish to make any comment on the Sustainability Appraisal that accompanies the Schedule of Main Modifications or any other supporting documents, please make them here.

Building 400 houses on green field in Penshaw is not sustainable. It will cause more traffic congestion in an already congested area. I note the comments made by Taylor Wimpey in relation to close proximity to local schools. In reality more housebuilding will just make accessing schools more difficult both in relation to school places and physically getting children to school. I understand the Inspector visited the area during his deliberations. May I respectfully request he visits again between 5pm and 6pm? It would be difficult to predict a day when the A19 is having one of its many problems but it just takes one regularly occurring accident to demonstrate how much worse the traffic on the A183 can be and it's impact on the existing residents of Penshaw

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Dear Sir/Madam

CORE STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN: MAIN MODIFCATIONS

Hedley Planning Services are instructed by Miller Homes in support of Land at New Herrington, Sunderland. The site was considered in the *Green Belt Assessment Stage 1 Updated and Stage 2* (2017) (SD.30) as Site Ref. H03 and within the *Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment* (2018) (SD.22) as part of Site Ref. 466.

We welcome the opportunity to comment on the following proposed Main Modifications as set out in the Schedule (Ref. EX19.001):

MM3: Policy SP1

Miller Homes support the amendment to include 'net' and 'net additional', this is considered to add clarity to the policy, especially in the context of the net dwellings figure not being seen as a 'ceiling', but rather the level of growth which is both needed and anticipated to take place over the Plan period.

It is also noted that an additional paragraph has been added in relation to 'Safeguarded Land', to ensure a degree of permanence to the Green Belt boundaries in the longer term. As set out in relation to MM6 (see below), the deletion of proposed safeguarded sites means that the plan now how a deficiency in that regard and additional safeguarded sites should be proposed.



Furthermore, in relation to the Council's remaining Safeguarded Land allocation, there is a concern that if land needs to be brought forward to address a lack of a five year housing land supply, a large site is not the best way of quickly delivering needed homes.

A more dispersed strategy, including sites within The Coalfield, is considered to be a better way of delivering flexibility of supply. It is considered that the identification of Land at New Herrington, Site Ref. HO3 as safeguarded land would be appropriate to meet the longer-term development needs of The Coalfields.

MM6: Policy SS3

The Council's response to the Inspector's Post Hearing Advice (Ref. EX18.003) only considers the impact of the loss of 370 dwellings on the five-year-supply position and <u>does not</u> address the requirement of paragraph 139 c) of the NPPF, which requires consideration of Safeguarded Land. The removal of proposed allocations of both housing sites and Safeguarded Land from the Plan means that alternative Safeguarded Land is required, based on the Council's own evidence of need.

The SA Report Addendum (Ref. EX19.002) does not consider impact of a lack of safeguarded land. As set out in the Council's Sustainability Appraisal (Ref. SD.5):

"The NPPF requires that where defining Green Belt boundaries, where necessary, SCC should identify areas of 'safeguarded land' between the urban area and the Green Belt, in order to meet longer-term development needs stretching well beyond the plan period.

A reasonable alternative was considered under which SCC would not identify any safeguarded land. However, due to limited land supply within the urban area and the need to revise Green Belt boundaries as part of this plan, it was considered prudent to identify a future area for growth at this stage and remove this from the Green Belt boundary now, to reduce the likelihood of needing to undertake another Green Belt Review as part of the next plan. Changing the status of land from Green Belt to 'safeguarded land' would however have not substantive effects, as this would not itself provide support for permanent development of the land until a future review of the Sunderland CSDP determines that the safeguarded land should be released for development." (Appendix F, Table 2.3).

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MM11: Policy SP6

Miller Homes supports the deletion of 'from inappropriate development' from Policy SP6.





Furthermore, the 'Exceptional Circumstances in the Coalfield' justifications are equally applicable to the New Herrington site being promoted by Miller Homes.

Given the proposed deletion of proposed allocations of both housing sites, that could accommodate 370 dwellings, and Safeguarded Land from the Plan means that alternative Safeguarded Land is required, based on the Council's own evidence of need. The Council's own evidence justifies additional Green Belt release sites, including New Herrington, including as safeguarding sites.

MM14: Policy SP8

Miller Homes support the amendment to include 'net', this is considered to add clarity to the policy. The inclusion of a reference to the Housing Implementation Strategy is also supported.

MM15: Policy H1

Miller Homes do not consider that MM15 is sound, and continue to contend that the Council has not provided sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the policy is needed, and therefore it is not considered to be consistent with national policy. Miller Homes still consider that part (iv) of the policy should be deleted.

If the policy, is to be retained we acknowledge the addition of a transition period, and the recognition within the justification that for some schemes this requirement may not be viable.

MM16: Policy H2

Miller Homes do not consider MM16 to be sound and we still have concerns in relation to the viability of the requirements of this policy. The inclusion of the final sentence in relation to viability is acknowledged; however, it still is not entirely clear whether this actually provides any flexibility to the requirement or whether it would help to deliver any more homes.

Miller Homes do support the addition of text to paragraph 6.18 which states that other evidence will be considered in relation to the housing mix and the amendment to paragraph 6.21 in relation to the distribution of affordable housing within a development.

MM21: Policy BH1

Miller Homes do not consider that amendment MM21 is sound. The Council do not have sufficient evidence to introduce this policy in relation to the NDSS and it should be deleted. If the policy is to be retained, we support the addition of a transition period to part 14 of the policy.





MM27: Policy NE3

Miller Homes supports the amendments to Policy NE3, which is considered to ensure that the policy work more effectively.

MM38: Monitoring Section

Miller Homes supports the acknowledgement that the successful implementation of the Local Plan relies on coherent, robust and flexible monitoring process which will enable the Council to respond to changing circumstances.

However, a lack of safeguarded land means more likely that a Plan Review is required, especially as only one, large site safeguarded site is proposed for allocation, which will take a significant amount of time to come forward. Furthermore, given the proposed deletion of housing sites to accommodate 370 dwellings, the Council's own evidence justifies additional Green Belt release sites, including New Herrington, including as safeguarding sites.

MM40: Monitoring Framework

In relation to Policy SS7 it is considered that there is a need to include "Housing delivery (net additions) against the plan period requirements of average 745pa net additions" as a monitoring indicator (as with all Housing Growth Areas). This will improve the effectiveness of the Plan.

I trust that the Council will find these comments useful as it continues to progress its Local Plan. Please can we be kept informed of the publication of the Inspector's report and the adoption of the Local Plan and associated documents. Please use the contact details provided below for future correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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Strategic Plans Team Sunderland City Council Sunderland Civic Centre Sunderland SR2 7DN

Dear Sir or Madam

Sunderland Core Strategy and Development Plan – Proposed Main Modifications Consultation Comments submitted by R&K Wood Planning LLP on behalf of Mr Clive Milner

I refer to the consultation for the Sunderland Core Strategy and Development Plan – Proposed Main Modification Consultation that was issued on Friday 13th September 2019.

You will be receiving representations from Barratt David Wilson Homes (North East) in relation to the site known as Washington Meadows. I represent the landowner of part of this site, Mr Clive Milner, and on behalf of my client I would like to underline our support for these representations. In short, my client welcomes the fact his land is safeguarded for future development, but in line with the representations submitted by Barratt David Wilson Homes believes that there is a strong case of the site being allocated for housing within this Core Strategy

In addition, I would also like to support the amendment to the Green Belt boundary at Severn Houses as one of the Main Modifications to the plan as set out in the Main Modifications Note (EX19.005). This new boundary to the Green Belt will reflect the alignment of the new A1290 and provides a robust and defined boundary to the safeguarded land.

Yours sincerely

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Katie Wood

Senior Planning Officer Planning Strategy Commercial Development Directorate Sunderland City Council Civic Centre Sunderland SR2 7DN

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Lucy Bartley Consultant Town Planner

Sent by email to: <u>Planningpolicy@sunderland.gov.uk</u>

24 October 2019

Dear Sir / Madam

Sunderland Council: Core Strategy Main Modifications SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL GRID

National Grid has appointed Wood to review and respond to development plan consultations on its behalf. We are instructed by our client to submit the following representation with regard to the current consultation on the above document.

About National Grid

National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) owns and maintains the electricity transmission system in England and Wales and National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) operates the electricity transmission network across the UK. The energy is then distributed to the eight electricity distribution network operators across England, Wales and Scotland.

National Grid Gas plc (NGG) owns and operates the high-pressure gas transmission system across the UK. In the UK, gas leaves the transmission system and enters the UK's four gas distribution networks where pressure is reduced for public use.

National Grid previously owned part of the gas distribution system known as 'National Grid Gas Distribution limited (NGGDL). Since May 2018, NGGDL is now a separate entity called 'Cadent Gas'.

To help ensure the continued safe operation of existing sites and equipment and to facilitate future infrastructure investment, National Grid wishes to be involved in the preparation, alteration and review of plans and strategies which may affect National Grid's assets.

Proposed sites crossed or in close proximity to National Grid infrastructure:

Following a review of the above development plan, the following sites have been identified as being crossed or in close proximity to National Grid infrastructure. Further details are provided in the table overleaf.

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Electricity Transmission:

Site Ref	Asset Details	Appendix Ref
PEA4 Pattinson North	ZZA Route - 400Kv two circuit route from West Boldon substation in South Tyneside to Hawthorn Pit substation in Durham	ET222
PEA8 Nissan	ZZA Route - 400Kv two circuit route from West Boldon substation in South Tyneside to Hawthorn Pit substation in Durham	ET222
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Please see enclosed plan referenced ET222 at Appendix 2. The proposed sites are crossed by a National Grid high voltage electricity transmission overhead line.

The statutory safety clearances between overhead lines, the ground, and built structures must not be infringed. Where changes are proposed to ground levels beneath an existing line then it is important that changes in ground levels do not result in safety clearances being infringed. National Grid can, on request, provide to developers detailed line profile drawings that detail the height of conductors, above ordnance datum, at a specific site. You can find National Grid's guidelines for developing near Over Head Lines here: https://www.nationalgrid.com/sites/default/files/documents/Development%20near%20overhead%20lines.opdf

Electricity Distribution

Northern Powergrid owns and operates the local electricity distribution network in Sunderland Council. Contact details can be found at <u>www.energynetworks.org.uk</u>.

National Grid Asset Guidance

National Grid seeks to encourage high quality and well-planned development in the vicinity of its high voltage overhead lines. Land beneath and adjacent to the overhead line route should be used to make a positive contribution to the development of the site and can for example be used for nature conservation, open space, landscaping areas or used as a parking court. National Grid, in association with David Lock Associates has produced 'A Sense of Place' guidelines, which provide detail on how to develop near overhead lines and offers practical solutions which can assist in avoiding the unnecessary sterilisation of land in the vicinity of high voltage overhead lines.

Potential developers of these sites should be aware that it is National Grid policy to retain our existing overhead lines in-situ. The relocation of existing high voltage overhead lines will only be considered for projects of national importance which has been identified as such by central government.

National Grid requests that any High-Pressure Gas Pipelines are taken into account when site options are developed in more detail. These pipelines form an essential part of the national gas transmission system and National Grid's approach is always to seek to leave our existing transmission pipelines in situ. Please refer to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) in the first instance.

National Grid have land rights for each asset which prevents the erection of permanent/ temporary buildings, or structures, changes to existing ground levels, storage of materials etc. Additionally, written permission will be required before any works commence within the National Grid easement strip, and a deed of consent is required for any crossing of the easement. In the first instance please consider checking with the Land Registry for the development area.

If you require any further information in relation to the above and/or if you would like to check if National Grid's transmission networks may be affected by your works, please contact National Grid's Plant Protection team via <u>plantprotection@nationalgrid.com</u> or visit the website: <u>https://www.linesearchbeforeudig.co.uk/</u>

Further Advice

National Grid is happy to provide advice and guidance to the Council concerning our networks. If we can be of any assistance to you in providing informal comments in confidence during your policy development, please do not hesitate to contact us. In addition, the following publications are available from the National Grid website or by contacting us at the address overleaf:

- A sense of place design guidelines for development near high voltage overhead lines: A sense of place design guidelines for development near high voltage overhead lines: <u>https://www.nationalgridet.com/document/130626/download</u>
- Guidelines when working near NGG assets: <u>https://www.nationalgridgas.com/land-and-assets/working-near-our-assets</u>
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Appendices - National Grid Assets

Please find attached in:

- Appendix 1 provides a map of the National Grid network across the UK.
- Appendix 2 provides maps of the sites referenced above in relation to the affected National Grid Transmission assets outlined above.

Please remember to consult National Grid on any Development Plan Document (DPD) or site-specific proposals that could affect our infrastructure. We would be grateful if you could add our details shown below to your consultation database:

Lucy Bartley Consultant Town Planner Spencer Jefferies Development Liaison Officer, National Grid





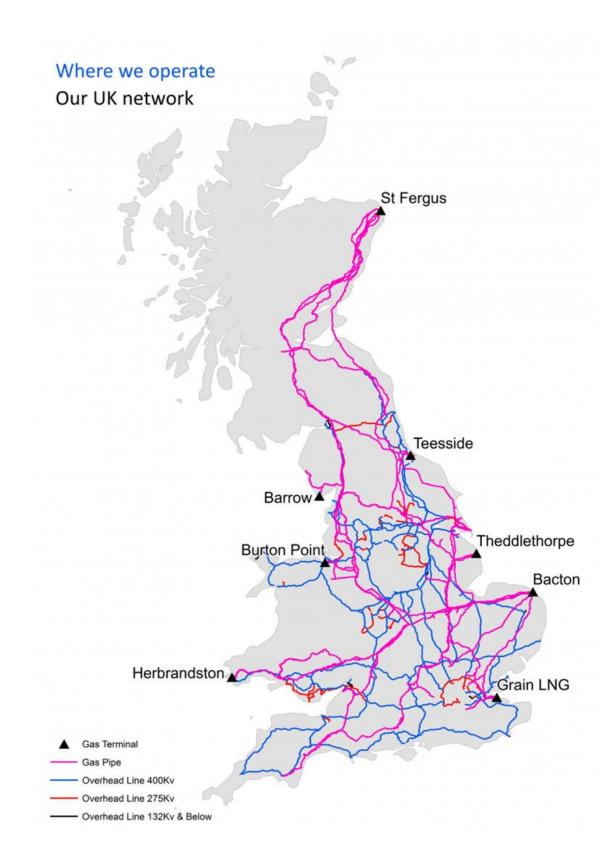
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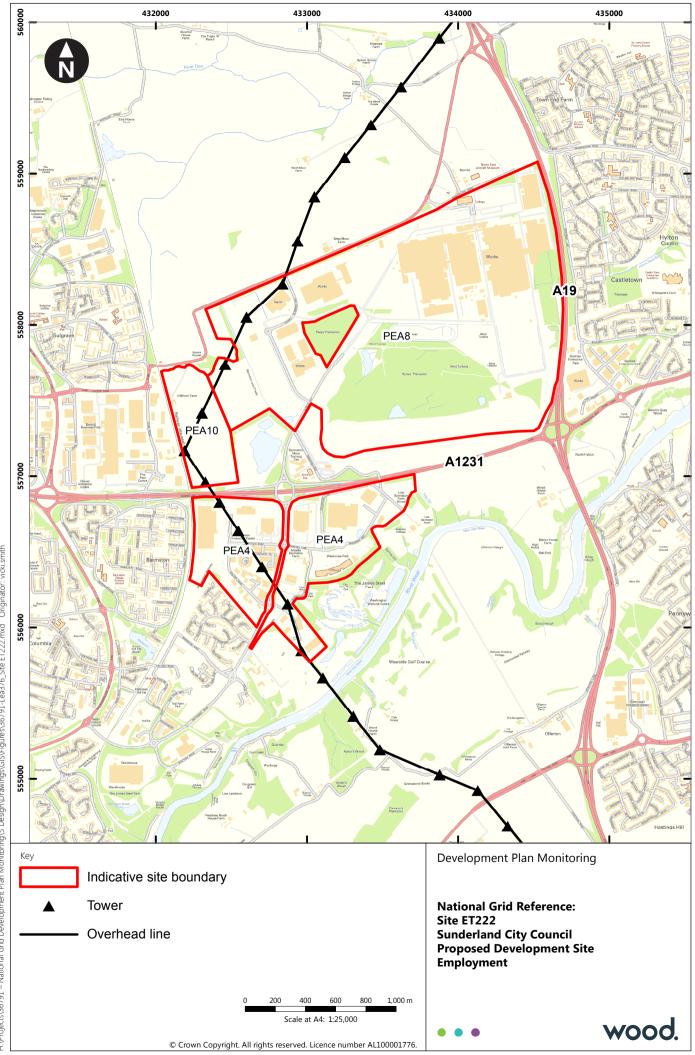
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APPENDIX 1: NATIONAL GRID'S UK NETWORK



APPENDIX 2: NATIONAL GRID TRANSMISSION ASSETS



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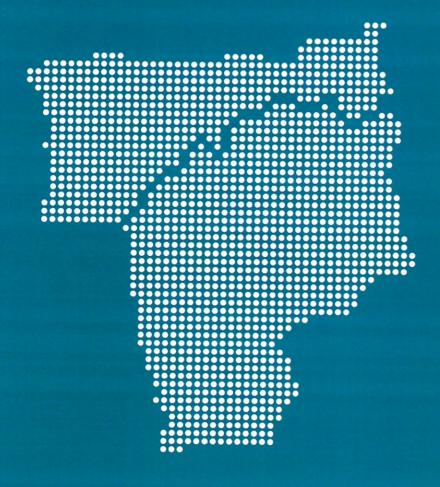
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MM9	MM9 - Policy SP5: Figure 26 Key Diagram
MM11	MM11 - Policy SP6: Figure 29 Key Diagram
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<u>RESPONSE TO SUNDERLAND CORE STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN MAIN</u> **MODIFICATIONS - MADE ON BEHALF OF PERSIMMON HOMES**

This letter is submitted on behalf of Persimmon Homes ('our Client'), in response to the publication of the Main Modifications to the Sunderland Core Strategy and Development Plan, which are currently out for consultation.

1. Introduction

Our Client has multiple land interests at three sites within Sunderland City Council's Authority Boundary, at the former Hendon Paper Mill; Land West of Mulberry Way, Houghton-le-Spring; and the existing Russell Foster Football Centre on Land West of Stadon Way.

The former Hendon Paper Mill site is subject to an ongoing full planning application (Planning Ref: 18/01820/FUL) for construction of 227 dwellings with associated access, landscaping and infrastructure. Discussions are currently ongoing as part of the submission with the Council and consultees to facilitate a successful outcome. The site has previously been proposed to be designated as part of the Key Employment Area for Hendon (KEA1) within Policy EG2: Key employment areas to be safeguarded for B1 use in the emerging Core Strategy and Development Plan.

The two sites, Land West of Mulberry Way and the existing Russell Foster Football Centre, are of importance in the consideration of Policy NE7: Settlement Breaks. Under previous designations, both sites have been subject to Settlement Break designation in Sunderland's Unitary Development Plan.

2. MM19: KEA1: Former Hendon Paper Mill

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The proposed deallocation of the site for employment and therefore leaving the site as white land would ensure that employment land is not over supplied in an area which has had limited demand





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4. Land West of Mulberry Way, Houghton-le-Spring

With MM30 replacing Figure 41: Settlement Breaks with a revised version in the Core Strategy and Development Plan, we continue to support the revised Settlement Breaks boundaries that removes Land West of Mulberry Way, Houghton-le-Spring, as shown in the revised Policies Map (MM41).

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6. Conclusion

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