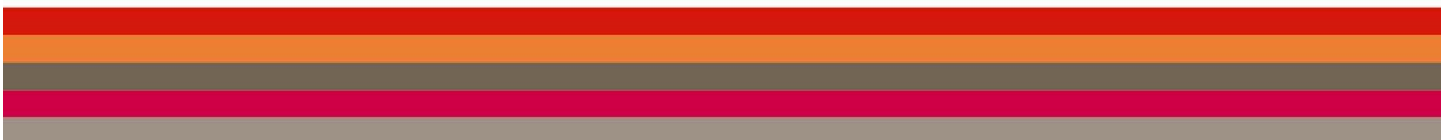


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Northumberland Consolidated Planning Policy Framework

1. Introduction

- 1.1 In July 2007 the Government announced that Northumberland would be one of the areas within England where its local government structure would be changed, replacing the current two tier system with a unitary council. On 1 April 2009, the unitary Northumberland County Council became the local planning authority for the area previously covered by the seven local planning authorities of Alnwick, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Blyth Valley, Castle Morpeth, Tynedale, Wansbeck and Northumberland County.
- 1.2 In the past, each of these local planning authorities had produced its own set of planning documents to guide development in their area. As the seven local authorities have come together, there is the need to establish the relevant planning policy documents for the new Council and the geographical area which these relate to, whether it be the whole of the new council area, one of the three sub-areas or parts of these areas. These documents form the Consolidated Planning Policy Framework for Northumberland, which relates to both statutory and non-statutory documents.
- 1.3 This Consolidated Planning Policy Framework is accessible to prospective applicants, developers and other interested parties via the Northumberland County Council website at [Northumberland Consolidated Planning Policy Framework](#).

2. The Development Plan Context

- 2.1 The Planning and Compulsory Act 2004 introduced major changes to the planning system. The new system, at that time, consisted of Planning Policy Statements, Regional Spatial Strategies and Local Development Frameworks. Under Section 38 (3) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the Statutory Development Plan, at that time, comprised the Regional Spatial Strategy and the adopted Development Plan Documents in relation to the area in question. Under the new system, Local Plans are being gradually replaced by Development Plan Documents. However, in the transitional period, the Secretary of State made directions to save structure plan and local plan policies as part of the Statutory Development Plan, until such time as they were replaced by Regional Spatial Strategies and adopted Development Plan Documents.
- 2.2 On 6 July 2010, the Government announced the revocation of Regional Spatial Strategies with immediate effect. Regional Spatial Strategies were to be revoked under s79(6) of the Local Democracy Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 and would thus no longer form part of the development plan for the purposes of s38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The letter from the Chief Planner and guidance for Local Authorities, dated 6th July 2010, can be accessed by clicking [here](#). A later High Court ruling, however, quashed the revocation of Regional Spatial Strategies; therefore Regional Spatial Strategies still form part of the Statutory Development Plan. It is however the

Government's intention to abolish Regional Spatial Strategies through the Localism Bill. The letter dated 10th November 2010 from the Chief Planner regarding this quashing of the revocation and the Localism Bill can be accessed [here](#).

- 2.3 Decisions on planning applications and other development proposals must be considered against the Statutory Development Plan, together with national planning guidance. Other specific planning policy documents which do not form part of the Statutory Development Plan, such as Supplementary Planning Documents and Development Briefs, may also be given due consideration in assessing development proposals.

3. Consolidated Planning Policy Framework for Northumberland

- 3.1 The Consolidated Planning Policy Framework for Northumberland comprises two sections:-

- Section A - Schedule of Statutory Development Plan Documents
- Section B - Schedule of Planning Policy Documents which do not form part of the Development Plan

The Consolidated Planning Policy Framework for Northumberland was adopted and agreed for inclusion within the policy framework of the Council's Constitution by Northumberland County Council on 4 February 2009.

Section A - Schedule of Statutory Development Plan Documents

- 3.2 This schedule comprises policy S5 of the adopted Structure Plan, recently adopted Local Development Framework documents which form part of the Statutory Development Plan, and local plan policies 'saved' either through regulation or Direction by the Secretary of State. These documents are included in the policy framework in the Constitution under the general heading of 'Plans and Strategies which together comprise the Development Plan'. Together with the North East of England Regional Spatial Strategy these documents comprise the Statutory Development Plan for Northumberland.

- 3.3 The 'saved' Structure Plan and Local Plan policies should be read in context. Where policies were originally adopted some time ago, it is likely that material considerations, in particular the emergence of new national policy and also new evidence, will be afforded considerable weight in decisions on planning applications.

Section B - Schedule of Planning Policy Documents which do not form part of the Development Plan

- 3.4 This schedule comprises three parts. The first is concerned with those local development documents which are part of the Local Development Framework but do not form part of the Statutory Development Plan and includes a number of Supplementary Planning Documents. The second part comprises various planning policy documents which have been prepared by the seven local planning authorities and which are used to provide guidance and advice in considering and determining planning applications. The documents in Part 2 are

not individually identified in the policy framework in the Constitution but are referred to as the 'Schedule of Planning Policy Documents which do not form part of the Development Plan'. The documents contained in Part 2, whilst prepared by predecessor councils, were adopted by the Northumberland County Council on 4 February 2009. The third part comprises documents prepared by other organisations and bodies which assist the delivery of development. These documents have been endorsed by the County Council as supplementary planning guidance prepared by other organisations and bodies in accordance with paragraph 6.3 of PPS12: Local Spatial Planning.

- 3.5 As a result of the Local Government (Structural Changes) (Transitional Arrangements) (No 2) Regulations 2008 and Local Government (Structural Changes) (Further Transitional and Supplementary Provision and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2009, the previous Statements of Community Involvement prepared by the district and county councils are no longer applicable and the County Council has now adopted a new Statement of Community Involvement for Northumberland.
- 3.6 Where policy documents were originally adopted some time ago, it is likely that material considerations, in particular the emergence of new national, regional and local policy, will have greater weight when planning applications are determined. In addition, there may also be new evidence which will also have greater weight when planning applications are determined.
- 3.7 In addition, there will also be a need from time to time to rely on existing evidence base documents such as housing needs assessments, retail capacity studies, open space and recreation assessments, landscape character assessments, employment land reviews and wind capacity studies to assist in the due consideration of assessing development proposals.
- 3.8 Details of the relevant planning policy documents, both statutory and non-statutory, which constitute the Consolidated Planning Policy Framework for Northumberland, are set out in the attached schedules at Annex B. The schedules include a bibliography of the policy documents, including date of approval by the preparing authorities and an indication of their relevance by geographical coverage and spatial theme coverage. Please note some of the documents are large in size and can take time to download. If you experience problems downloading documents, please contact the Planning Strategy Service by e-mailing PlanningStrategy@northumberland.gov.uk

Other Matters

- 3.9 The Consolidated Planning Policy Framework for Northumberland is a living document and will be updated when new planning policy documents are adopted by the Council.
- 3.10 **Whilst all efforts have been made to ensure the information within the attached schedules is correct, it is not intended to amount to advice or authority on which reliance should be placed. The information is provided as a general guide and it will be necessary for prospective applicants, developers and other interested parties to review documents in order to**

identify relevant policies and proposals in relation to their proposed development. Prospective applicants, developers and other interested parties should also make contact with the relevant council officers to discuss their development proposals where necessary.

Annex A - Spatial Theme Definitions

General Development Principles – may include development / locational strategy, the location and scale of new development, settlement hierarchy, sequential approach to development, settlement boundaries, green belt designation, development in the open countryside, general design principles and sustainability criteria such as flood risk, erosion, land instability, pollution and contaminated land. These general overarching policies will often apply to all forms of development and can cut across all of the other spatial themes.

Housing – may include overall housing land supply provision, housing land allocations, housing density, previously developed land, provision of affordable housing, provision for gypsies and travellers, conversions, housing design and layouts, existing housing stock, extension and alterations to existing housing.

Economic Development / Tourism – may include overall employment land supply provision, employment land allocations, cultural and tourism development, visitor accommodation including camping and caravanning, tourist attractions, the rural economy and farm diversification.

Retail & Town Centres – may include distribution of growth in retail floorspace and other town centre uses, vitality and viability of towns and villages centres, retail hierarchy, primary and secondary shopping areas, edge-of-centre and out-of-centre retail or related development, shops fronts, town centre development opportunities, underused floorspace in retail areas, open air retailing and farm shops.

Built Environment – may include historic and built environment, conservation areas, listed buildings, archaeology, layout and design principles, public realm and public art.

Natural Environment – may include sites of international and national importance for nature conservation, sites of local or regional nature conservation significance, protection of species, biodiversity and geodiversity sites, wildlife networks, landscape character, areas of high landscape value, best and most versatile agricultural, trees and hedgerows.

Recreation & Open Space – may include parks and gardens, provision of new open space, sport and recreational facilities, children's play, strategic open spaces, golf courses, countryside activities, recreational footpaths, cycleways and bridleways.

Transportation – may include road network, road schemes and major road improvements, minor road improvements, traffic management, rail services, and freight, provision for buses, cyclists and walking, traffic implications of new development, parking standards and highway directional signage.

Community Facilities / Infrastructure – may include community centres, meeting halls, educational establishments, public houses, religious buildings and libraries, health care facilities, utilities infrastructure such as electricity, gas and water supplies, sewerage, telecommunications development, water supply and drainage, renewable energy, energy efficiency and planning conditions and obligations.

Minerals – may include strategy for minerals development, environmental protection, coal, aggregate minerals, sandstone, peat, clay, oil and gas, site management and operations, reclamation and reworking of mineral wastes.

Waste – may include strategy for waste, type and volume of waste to be managed, waste management facilities, environmental protection, waste minimisation and re-use, recovering waste, disposal, sewage treatment and disposal, other waste issues such as scrapyards, power station ash, special waste and anaerobic digestion, site reclamation and site management.

Annex B – Consolidated Planning Policy Framework Documents

Section A – Schedule of Statutory Development Plan Documents

The following documents together comprise the statutory development plan for Northumberland. Collectively, they are referred to as “Plans and strategies which together comprise the Development Plan” and form part of the policy framework for the Council under the appropriate Article of the Constitution.

The “saved” Structure Plan and Local Plan policies should be read in context. Where policies were originally adopted some time, ago, it is likely that material considerations, in particular the emergence of new national policy and also new evidence, will be afforded considerable weight in decisions on planning applications.

Document Title	Date of approval by preparing authority	Time Limit	Geographical Coverage			Spatial Theme (see attached Spatial Theme Definitions for further details)												
			Details	North Area	South East Area	West Area	General Development principles	Housing	Economic Development / Tourism	Retail & Town Centres	Built Environment	Natural Environment	Recreation & Open Space	Transportation	Community Facilities / Infrastructure	Minerals	Waste	
The North East of England Plan, Regional Spatial Strategy to 2021	N/A	2021	North East Region	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Policy S5 (Green Belt extension) Northumberland County and National Park Joint Structure Plan, February 2005	2nd February 2005	No time limit	Northumberland County area (excluding the Northumberland National Park area)		✓	✓	✓											
Northumberland Minerals Local Plan, March 2000, as amended by the Secretary of State’s Direction under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, dated 31 st August 2007: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Northumberland Minerals Local Plan, Written Statement, March 2000 o Northumberland Minerals Local Plan, Proposals Map, March 2000 o Secretary of State’s Direction under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, effective from 27th September 2007 in relation to the Northumberland Minerals Local Plan 	9th February 2000	No time limit	Northumberland County area (excluding the Northumberland National Park area)	✓	✓	✓											✓	
Northumberland Waste Local Plan, December 2001, as amended by the Secretary of State’s Direction under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, dated 31 st August 2007: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Northumberland Waste Local Plan, Written Statement, December 2001 o Northumberland Waste Local Plan, Proposals Map, December 2001 o Northumberland Waste Local Plan, Inset Proposals Maps, Adopted December 2001 o Secretary of State’s Direction under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, effective from 27th September 2007 in 	7th November 2001	No time limit	Northumberland County area (excluding the Northumberland National Park area)	✓	✓	✓												✓

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relation to the Northumberland Waste Local Plan																	
Alnwick District Local Development Framework, Core Strategy Development Plan Document, October 2007	16th October 2007	2021	Former Alnwick District area (excluding the Northumberland National Park area)	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Alnwick District Wide Local Plan, April 1997, as amended by the Secretary of State's Direction under paragraph 1(3) Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, dated 31 st August 2007 and not superseded by the adoption of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document, October 2007: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Alnwick District Wide Local Plan, April 1997 o Secretary of State's Direction under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, effective from 27th September 2007 in relation to the Alnwick District Wide Local Plan 	4th February 1997 & 18th February 1997	No time limit	Former Alnwick District area (excluding the Northumberland National Park area)	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Local Plan, April 1999, as amended by the amended by the Secretary of State's Direction under paragraph 1(3) Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, dated 31 st August 2007: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Local Plan, April 1999 o Secretary of State's Direction under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, effective from 27th September 2007 in relation to the Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Local Plan 	April 1999	No time limit	Former Berwick Borough area (excluding the Northumberland National Park area)	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Blyth Valley Borough Local Development Framework Core Strategy Development Plan Document, July 2007	5th July 2007	2021	Former Blyth Valley Borough area		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Blyth Valley Borough Local Development Framework Development Control Policies Development Plan Document, September 2007: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Blyth Valley Borough Local Development Framework Development Control Policies Development Plan Document, Written Statement, September 2007 o Blyth Valley Borough Local Development Framework Proposals Map (District Wide Designations), 2007 	13th September 2007	2021	Former Blyth Valley Borough area		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Blyth Valley District Local Plan, May 1999, as amended by the Secretary of State's Direction under paragraph 1(3) Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, dated 26 th		No time limit	Former Blyth Valley Borough area		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		

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September 2007 and not superseded by the adoption of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document, July 2007 and the Development Control Policies Development Plan Document, September 2007: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blyth Valley District Local Plan, May 1999 Secretary of State's Direction under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, effective from 27th September 2007 in relation to the Blyth Valley District Local Plan 	9th March 1999 & 8th April 1999																	
Castle Morpeth District Local Plan, February 2003, as amended by the amended by the Secretary of State's Direction under paragraph 1(3) Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, dated 31 st August 2007: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Castle Morpeth District Local Plan, February 2003 Secretary of State's Direction under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, effective from 27th September 2007 in relation to the Castle Morpeth District Local Plan 	27th February 2003	No time limit	Former Castle Morpeth Borough area	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Tynedale District Local Development Framework, Core Strategy Development Plan Document, October 2007	16th October 2007	2021	Former Tynedale District area (excluding the Northumberland National Park area)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Tynedale District Wide Local Plan, April 2000, as amended by the Secretary of State's Direction under paragraph 1(3) Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, dated 31 st August 2007 and not superseded by the adoption of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document, October 2007: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tynedale District Local Plan, April 2000 Tynedale District Local Plan, Schedule of Adopted Policies, Effective from October 2007 Secretary of State's Direction under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, effective from 27th September 2007 in relation to the Tynedale District Wide Local Plan 	28th February 2000 & 7th March 2000	No time limit	Former Tynedale District area (excluding the Northumberland National Park area)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Wansbeck District Local Plan, July 2007, as amended by the amended by the Secretary of State's Direction under paragraph 1(3) Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act	3rd July 2007	2016	Former Wansbeck District area		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			

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2004, dated 2 nd April 2010: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Wansbeck District Local Plan, Written Statement, July 2007 o Secretary of State's Direction under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, effective from 3rd July 2010 in relation to the Wansbeck District Local Plan 																	

Section B – Schedule of Planning Policy Documents which do not form part of the Statutory Development Plan

Collectively, Parts 1 and 2 are referred to as “The schedule of Planning Policy Documents which do not form part of the Statutory Development Plan” and form part of the policy framework for the Council under the appropriate Article of the Constitution.

Part 1 – Adopted Local Development Documents which are not part of the Statutory Development Plan

The following documents form part of the Local Development Framework but are not part of the Statutory Development Plan. They include Supplementary Planning Documents prepared and adopted by predecessor authorities. As a result of the Local Government (Structural Changes) (Transitional Arrangements) (No 2) Regulations 2008 and Local Government (Structural Changes) (Further Transitional and Supplementary Provision and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2009, the previous Statements of Community Involvement prepared by the district and county councils are no longer applicable and the County Council has now adopted a new Statement of Community Involvement for Northumberland.

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Northumberland Local Development Framework, Statement of Community Involvement, September 2009	7th September 2009 & 17th September 2009	No time limit	Northumberland County area (excluding the Northumberland National Park area)	✓	✓	✓											
Northumberland Local Development Framework, Ashington Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document, February 2010	8th February 2010 & 24th February 2010	No time limit	Ashington Town Centre		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Alnwick Local Development Framework, Planning for Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning Document, November 2009	5th October 2009 & 4th November 2009	No time limit	Former Alnwick District area (excluding the Northumberland National Park area)	✓							✓			✓			
Alnwick Local Development Framework, Alnwick	6th April 2010 &	No time limit	Former Alnwick District area	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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Landscape Character Assessment Supplementary Planning Document, May 2010	19th May 2010		(excluding the Northumberland National Park area)															
Blyth Valley Borough Local Development Framework, Urban Design Guide and Public Realm Strategy Supplementary Planning Document, June 2008	24th June 2008 & 3rd July 2008	No time limit	Blyth Town Centre and Quayside		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Blyth Valley Borough Local Development Framework, Commissioners Quay Development Brief Supplementary Planning Document, June 2008	24th June 2008 & 3rd July 2008	No time limit	Commissioners Quay, Blyth Quayside		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Blyth Valley Borough Local Development Framework, Dun Cow Quay Development Brief Supplementary Planning Document, June 2008	24th June 2008 & 3rd July 2008	No time limit	Dun Cow Quay, Blyth Quayside		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Blyth Valley Borough Local Development Framework, Bus Depot Development Brief Supplementary Planning Document, June 2008	24th June 2008 & 3rd July 2008	No time limit	Arriva Bus Depot and adjoining area of land adjacent to existing Water Works, Blyth Town Centre		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Blyth Valley Borough Local Development Framework, Supermarket Site Development Brief Supplementary Planning Document, June 2008,	24th June 2008 & 3rd July 2008	No time limit	Morrison supermarket and surrounding area, Blyth Town Centre		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Blyth Valley Borough Local Development Framework, Bates Colliery Strategic Development Guide Supplementary Planning Document, August 2008	3rd July 2008 & 19th August 2008	No time limit	Hodgson's Road Estate and former Bates Colliery area, Blyth		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Tynedale Local Development Framework, Supplementary Planning Document New Housing: Planning Obligations for Sport and Play Facilities, March 2006	7th March 2006	No time limit	Former Tynedale District area (excluding the Northumberland National Park area)	✓				✓					✓			✓		
Wansbeck District Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document, July 2007, incorporating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Wansbeck District Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document o Wansbeck District Residential Development Design Guidance Supplementary Planning Document o Wansbeck District Residential Extension Design Guidance 	3rd July 2007	No time limit	Former Wansbeck District area		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Wansbeck Provision for Sport and Play Supplementary Planning Document, February 2009	9th February 2009 & 1st April 2009	No time limit	Former Wansbeck District area		✓			✓					✓			✓		
Newbiggin-by-the-Sea Conservation Area (Existing & Proposed) Management Strategy Supplementary Planning Document, February 2009 & Associated Plan	9th February 2009 & 1st April 2009	No time limit	Newbiggin-by-the-Sea Conservation Area		✓						✓	✓	✓					
Bedlington Conservation Area Management Strategy Supplementary Planning Document, May 2011	4th April 2011 & 4th May 2011	No time limit	Bedlington Conservation Area		✓						✓	✓	✓					

Part 2 – Schedule of Planning Policy Documents which are not part of the Statutory Development Plan

The following documents are non statutory planning policy documents which have been adopted by predecessor authorities to provide guidance and advice to developers and the local planning authority in considering and determining planning applications. The documents whilst prepared by predecessor councils have been adopted by the Northumberland County Council on 4 February 2009.

Where policy documents were originally adopted some time ago, it is likely that material considerations, in particular the emergence of new national and local policy, will have greater weight when planning applications are determined. In addition, there may also be new evidence which will also have greater weight when planning applications are determined.

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Alnwick District Design Guide for Shop Fronts, 1995	31 st January 1995 & 25 th April 1995	No time limit	Alnwick Town	✓						✓	✓							
Alnwick District Design Guide for Stonework Repairs, 1997	30 th September 1997	No time limit	Former Alnwick District area (excluding the Northumberland National Park area)	✓							✓							
Felton Village Design Statement, May 2001	20 th March 2001 & 10 th April 2001	No time limit	Felton Village	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Lagny Street Design Concept Statement, November 2004	9 th November 2004 & 14 December 2004	No time limit	Lagny Street/Dispensary Street, Clayport Street, Fenkle Street and Stonewell Lane, Alnwick Town	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓			
Alnwick Conservation Area Character Appraisal, 2006 & Associated Alnwick Conservation Area Map	14 th June 2006 & 18 th July 2006	No time limit	Alnwick Town Conservation Area	✓							✓							
Alnmouth Conservation Area Character Appraisal, 2006	14 th June 2006 & 18 th July 2006	No time limit	Alnmouth Conservation Area	✓							✓	✓						
Eglingham Conservation Area Character Appraisal, 2006	14 th June 2006 & 18 th July 2006	No time limit	Eglingham Conservation Area	✓							✓	✓						
Felton Conservation Area Character Appraisal, 2006	14 th June 2006 & 18 th July 2006	No time limit	Felton Conservation Area	✓							✓							
Glanton Conservation Area Character Appraisal, 2006	14 th June 2006 & 18 th July 2006	No time limit	Glanton Conservation Area	✓							✓							
Lesbury Conservation Area Character Appraisal, 2006	14 th June 2006 & 18 th July 2006	No time limit	Lesbury Conservation Area	✓							✓	✓	✓					
Newton on the Moor Conservation Area Character Appraisal, 2006	14 th June 2006 & 18 th July 2006	No time limit	Newton on the Moor Conservation Area	✓							✓	✓						
Warkworth Conservation Area Character Appraisal, 2006	14 th June 2006 & 18 th July 2006	No time limit	Warkworth Conservation Area	✓							✓							
Whittingham Conservation Area Character Appraisal, 2006	14 th June 2006 & 18 th July 2006	No time limit	Whittingham Conservation Area	✓							✓							

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	2006																	
Whitton Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Matters, Designation Report, February 2008	12th June 2007 & 17th July 2007	No time limit	Whitton Conservation Area	✓								✓						
Rock Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Matters, Designation Report, February 2008	12th June 2007 & 17th July 2007	No time limit	Rock Conservation Area	✓								✓						
Embleton Conservation Area Character Appraisal Management Matters, Designation Report, February 2008	12th June 2007 & 17th July 2007	No time limit	Embleton Conservation Area	✓								✓						
Amble Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Matters, Designation Report, February 2008	11th September 2007 & 16th October 2007	No time limit	Amble Conservation Area	✓								✓						
Guyzance Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Matters, Designation Report, February 2008	11th September 2007 & 16th October 2007	No time limit	Guyzance Conservation Area	✓								✓						
New Agricultural Buildings Supplementary Planning Guidance, Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough, 1998	28th July 1998	No time limit	Former Berwick Borough area (excluding the Northumberland National Park area)	✓						✓								
Residential Extensions / Alterations Supplementary Planning Guidance, Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough, 1998	28th July 1998	No time limit	Former Berwick Borough area (excluding the Northumberland National Park area)	✓					✓			✓						
Rural Building Conversions Supplementary Planning Guidance, Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough, 1998	28th July 1998	No time limit	Former Berwick Borough area (excluding the Northumberland National Park area)	✓					✓	✓		✓						
Shopfront Design Guide for Conservation Areas in Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough, Supplementary Planning Guidance, 1998	28th July 1998	No time limit	Conservation Areas within former Berwick Borough area (excluding the Northumberland National Park area)	✓							✓	✓						
Environmentally Conscious Building Supplementary Planning Guidance, Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough, 1998	28th July 1998	No time limit	Former Berwick Borough area (excluding the Northumberland National Park area)	✓				✓										
Spittal Point Development Brief, Berwick-upon-Tweed, December 2004	17th November 2004 & 8th December 2004	No time limit	Spittal Point, Berwick-upon-Tweed	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Conservation Area and Character Appraisal for Seahouses, June 2005	29th June 2005 & 30th June 2005	No time limit	Seahouses Conservation Area	✓								✓	✓	✓				
Conservation Area and Character Appraisal for North Sunderland, June 2005	29th June 2005 & 30th June 2005	No time limit	North Sunderland Conservation Area	✓								✓	✓	✓				
Conservation Area and Character Appraisal for Wooler, December 2005	6th December 2005 & 20th December 2005	No time limit	Wooler Conservation Area	✓								✓	✓	✓				
Berwick-upon-Tweed Conservation Area, Character Appraisal and Management Plan, March 2008	3rd June 2008 & 26th June	No time limit	Berwick Conservation Area	✓				✓				✓	✓	✓				

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			Details	North Area	South East Area	West Area	General Development principles	Housing	Economic Development / Tourism	Retail & Town Centres	Built Environment	Natural Environment	Recreation & Open Space	Transportation	Community Facilities / Infrastructure	Minerals	Waste	
	2008																	
Spittal Conservation Area, Character Appraisal and Management Plan, March 2008	3rd June 2008 & 26th June 2008	No time limit	Spittal Conservation Area	✓			✓				✓	✓	✓					
Tweedmouth Conservation Area, Character Appraisal and Management Plan, March 2008	3rd June 2008 & 26th June 2008	No time limit	Tweedmouth Conservation Area	✓			✓				✓	✓	✓					
Development Control Policy on Small Scale Business and Commercial Uses Operating in Residential Areas	2nd July 1991	No time limit	Former Blyth Valley Borough area		✓			✓	✓									
Development Control Policies on Extensions to Dwelling Houses	21st January 1992	No time limit	Former Blyth Valley Borough area		✓			✓										
Development Control Policy on Hot Food Takeaways	22nd September 1992	No time limit	Former Blyth Valley Borough area		✓					✓								
Blyth Links Masterplan Study, Draft December 2004: o Volume 1: Masterplan Study o Volume2: Appendix	2nd March 2005	No time limit	Blyth Links area		✓						✓	✓	✓	✓				
Wellesley CHE Site, Links Road, Blyth, Development Guidance, March 2006	12th September 2006 & 19th October 2006	No time limit	Wellesley Site, Blyth		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Castle Morpeth Borough Interim Planning Policy for Affordable Housing, February 2008	6th March 2008 & 3rd April 2008	No time limit	Former Castle Morpeth Borough area	✓	✓	✓		✓								✓		
Castle Morpeth Borough Local Development Framework, Submission Draft Core Strategy, June 2008¹	5th June 2008 & 26th June 2008	2024	Former Castle Morpeth Borough area	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Castle Morpeth Borough Interim Planning Policy Artist Involvement and Commissioning in Castle Morpeth, July 2008	10th July 2008	No time limit	Former Castle Morpeth Borough area	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓					✓		
Hexham Hospital Redevelopment Planning Brief, adopted May 1999	26th May 1999 & 1st June 1999	No time limit	Hexham Hospital, Hexham			✓		✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Tynedale District Local Plan, Supplementary Planning Guidance: Station Road, Hexham, Planning Brief, November 2001	21st October 2001 & 6th November 2001	No time limit	Station Road, Hexham			✓			✓	✓				✓				
Supplementary Planning Guidance: Extensions to dwellings in the open countryside (Policies H20 and NE7), Tynedale District Local Plan, September 2002	3rd September 2002	No time limit	Former Tynedale District area (excluding the Northumberland National Park area)			✓		✓										
Newton Conservation Area Character Appraisal, April 2008	3rd April 2008	No time limit	Newton Conservation Area			✓					✓	✓	✓					
Ovington Conservation Area Character Appraisal, April 2008	3rd April 2008 & 6th May 2008	No time limit	Ovington Conservation Area			✓					✓	✓	✓					
Great Bavington Conservation Area Character Appraisal, April 2008	3rd April 2008 & 6th May 2008	No time limit	Great Bavington Conservation Area			✓					✓	✓	✓					
Wansbeck District Shop Front Design Guide,	22nd October	No time limit	Bedlington and Newbiggin-by-		✓					✓	✓							

¹ Castle Morpeth has undertaken considerable work on the preparation of its Core Strategy but because of local government review it has not been possible to progress it through to adoption. Castle Morpeth Borough Council formally resolved to approve and "set aside" the Submission Draft Core Strategy which would be used as an evidence base to inform the new unitary Core Strategy but not to progress it further through the statutory planning process. In accordance with advice from GONE limited weight can be attached to this Core Strategy because its soundness has not been tested through the examination process.

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Bedlington and Newbiggin-by-the-Sea Conservation Areas, October 2007	2007 & 11th December 2007		the-Sea Conservation Areas															

Part 3 – Schedule of Supplementary Planning Guidance which are not part of the Statutory Development Plan

The following documents are non statutory supplementary planning guidance prepared by other organisations and bodies which have been endorsed by the County Council as supplementary planning guidance prepared by other organisations and bodies in accordance with paragraph 6.3 of PPS12: Local Spatial Planning as they provide guidance and assistance to developers and the local planning authority in considering and determining planning applications

Where policy documents were originally adopted some time ago, it is likely that material considerations, in particular the emergence of new national and local policy, will have greater weight when planning applications are determined. In addition, there may also be new evidence which will also have greater weight when planning applications are determined

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Northumberland Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Berwickshire and North Northumberland Coast European Marine Site Management Plan, 2009-2014	7th September 2009 & 17th September 2009	2014	Northumberland Coast AONB and Berwickshire and North Northumberland Coast European Marine Site areas	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan, 2009-2014	20th April 2009 & 14th May 2009	2014	North Pennines AONB area (part included within Northumberland)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Planning Guidelines, April 2011	27th June 2011 & 7th September 2011	No time limit	North Pennines AONB area (part included within Northumberland)			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Building Design Guide, April 2011	27th June 2011 & 7th September 2011	No time limit	North Pennines AONB area (part included within Northumberland)			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓			✓

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