

Duty to Cooperate Statement (2024)



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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Statement forms part of the evidence base for the South Tyneside Publication Draft Local Plan 2023 – 2040 (hereafter referred to as ‘the Plan’). It sets out the Council’s approach to compliance with the Duty to Co-operate (hereafter referred to as ‘the Duty’) in the production of the Plan and identifies how the outcomes of this cooperation have influenced the Plan. It also sets out cooperation in the wider context of on-going relationships and delivery partnerships between local authorities and other key cross-boundary agencies.

Legislation

- 1.2 The Duty was introduced through Section 110 of 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:

- The Environment Agency;
- Historic England;
- Natural England;
- The Civil Aviation Authority;
- Homes England;
- Clinical Commissioning Groups (South Tyneside CCG has now been replaced by South Tyneside Integrated Care Board);
- The Office of Rail and Road;
- Integrated Transport Authority (i.e. Nexus);
- Highway Authority (i.e. South Tyneside Council); and,
- The Marine Management Organisation.

- 1.3 In addition to those planning authorities (LPAs) and prescribed bodies listed above, the Council is required to proactively engage with other partnerships as part of the preparation of the Local Plan. These include:

- North East Local Enterprise Partnership (NELEP); and,
- The North East Local Nature Recovery Strategy working group.

- 1.4 In addition to demonstrating that the Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Duty, 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.

National Planning Policy Framework

- 1.5 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was updated on 20th December 2023, a revised NPPF was published. Paragraph 230 states that the policies in the revised NPPF will apply for the purpose of examining plans, where those plans reach Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (pre-submission) stage after 19 March 2024. Accordingly, South Tyneside's Publication draft Local Plan has been prepared in accordance with the NPPF as of September 2023. References to the NPPF within this paper therefore refer to the September 2023 NPPF.
- 1.6 It provides guidance in paragraphs 24 to 27 in regard to the Duty. A positively prepared and justified plan requires effective and on-going joint working between strategic policy-making authorities (paragraph 26). Paragraph 27 states 'In order to demonstrate effective and on-going joint working, strategic policymaking authorities should prepare and maintain one or more statements of common ground, documenting the cross-boundary matters being addressed and progress in cooperating to address these.'

What does the Duty mean in practice?

- 1.7 The Duty requires local planning authorities (officers and members) to engage in proactive and sustained joint working to address strategic issues that cut across administrative boundaries from the outset of Local Plan preparation and come to agreements on solutions where possible. Consultation alone is unlikely to satisfy the requirements of the Duty. It also requires local planning authorities to consider joint approaches to plan making, evidence gathering and infrastructure planning.
- 1.8 There is no definitive list of actions that constitute effective cooperation under the Duty, but it could be by way of:
 - Joint research and evidence gathering;
 - Plans or policies prepared as part of a joint committee;
 - Memorandums of understanding;
 - A jointly prepared strategy presented as evidence of an agreed position.
- 1.9 The key point is that cooperation is a continuous process of engagement from initial thinking through to implementation, resulting in a final position where plans are in place to provide the land and infrastructure necessary to support current and projected levels of growth.

Demonstrating compliance with the Duty

- 1.10 This statement demonstrates legal compliance with the Duty. It details the ongoing engagement and discussions between South Tyneside 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.

1.11 South Tyneside 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 Local Plan. This will include:

- Consultation with prescribed bodies: South Tyneside 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: South Tyneside Council will demonstrate engagement with its neighbouring LPAs at Director/Heads of Service level down to officer level, throughout the plan's preparation and, by way of Member engagement on matters through the North East Combined Authority (NECA).
- Cross boundary strategic priorities: South Tyneside 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 20 of the NPPF.

2. The strategic context of the North East

The economy

- 2.1 The North East Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Area covers the seven local authority areas of Durham County Council, Gateshead Council, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council, South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council.

Figure 1: South Tyneside's Geographical Relationship to the North East



- 2.2 The LEP Area is estimated to have a population of just over 2 million residents (Mid-2018 Population Estimates for 2023). 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.
- 2.3 There is no prescribed method to determine functional economic areas¹. For the purposes of planning for strategic economic growth objectives and investment into the region, it

¹ PPG (Paragraph: 019 Reference ID: 61-019-20190315) suggests it is possible to define them by taking into account factors including:

- The extent of any Local Enterprise Partnership;

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.

- 2.4 South Tyneside sits between the two major regional centres; as such there is a very high level of out-commuting in the Borough. With reference to the PPG, the South Tyneside Employment Land Review (2023) states that South Tyneside is included within the Travel to Work Areas of both 'Newcastle'² and 'Sunderland'.
- 2.5 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 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.
- 2.6 In 2014 the North East LEP published a Strategic Economic Plan that seeks to deliver 100,000 more and better jobs by 2024. An Executive Summary Update (linked to an Action Delivery Plan) was published in 2022. 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.
- 2.7 Moving forward, North East Devolution Deal has been submitted to Government. It has been through the public consultation phase and received Cabinet approval to proceed from each of the 7 authorities. It will move onto parliamentary approval of the secondary

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- 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 'Newcastle' comprises the following local authority area (in part or in full) Newcastle, North Tyneside, South Tyneside, Northumberland, Gateshead and Durham. 'Sunderland' comprises the following local authority area (in part or in full) Sunderland, South Tyneside, and Durham.

legislation implementing the provisions of the deal. The North East Mayoral Combined Authority will have an industrial strategy that covers the LA7 area.

Housing

2.8 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 Strategic Housing Market Assessments 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:

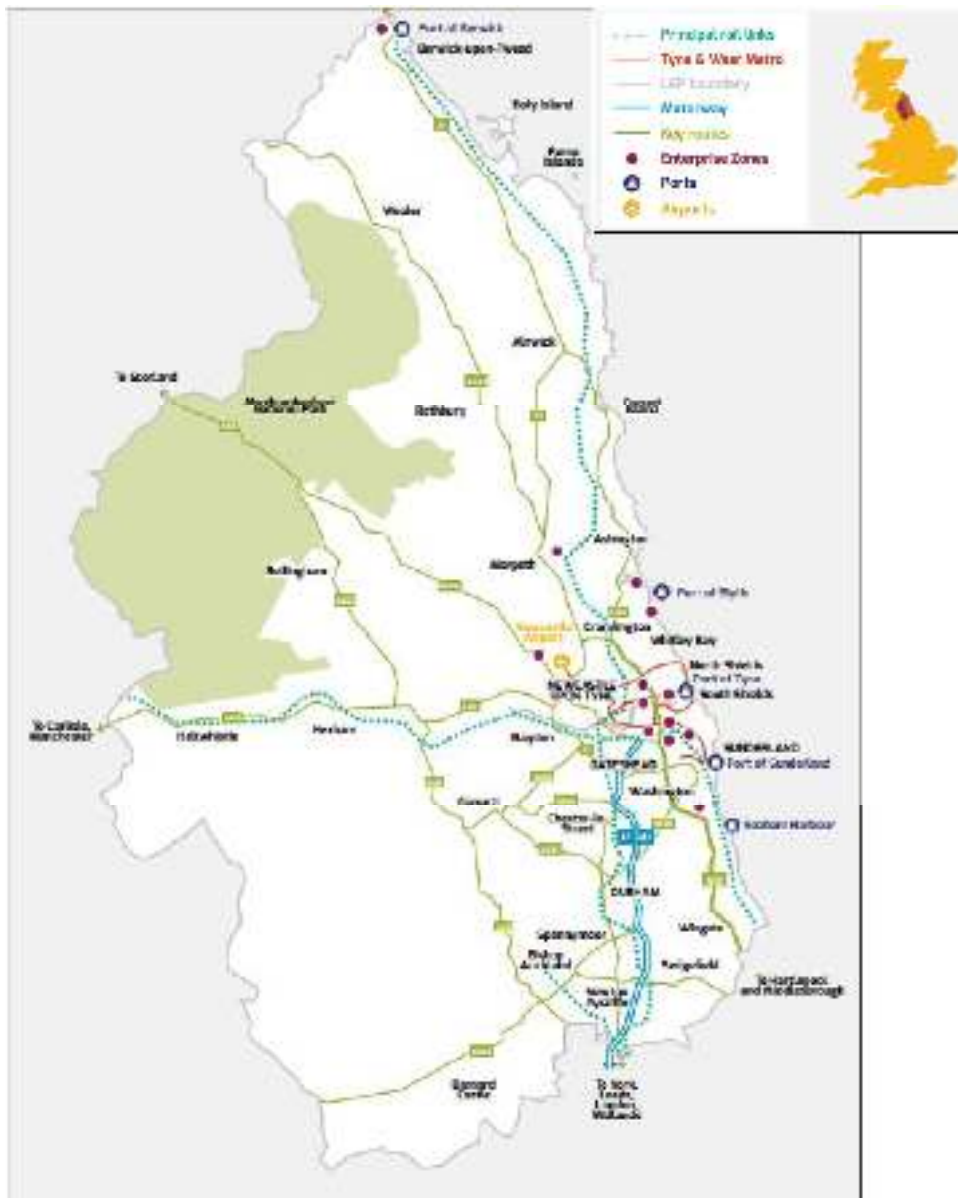
- South Tyneside is an appropriate market area for the purposes of Local Plan policy making;
- Sunderland can be considered to represent an appropriate housing market area;
- County Durham represents an appropriate housing market area for the purposes of Local Plan policy making;
- Gateshead and Newcastle 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.

Transport

2.9 The North East 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.

2.10 The North East Transport Plan adopted in October 2021 is the first comprehensive Transport Plan for the region, bringing together the seven local authorities in North East England: Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland. This Plan sets out the region's transport priorities up to 2035. If successfully delivered, the projects and policies in the Plan will help to protect our environment by providing attractive carbon-neutral sustainable transport for people across the region. The Plan is centred on connecting people to good employment opportunities, generating economic growth, while enabling the region and its people to move to healthier and greener more sustainable ways of travel.

Figure 2: North East LEP Area Transport Links



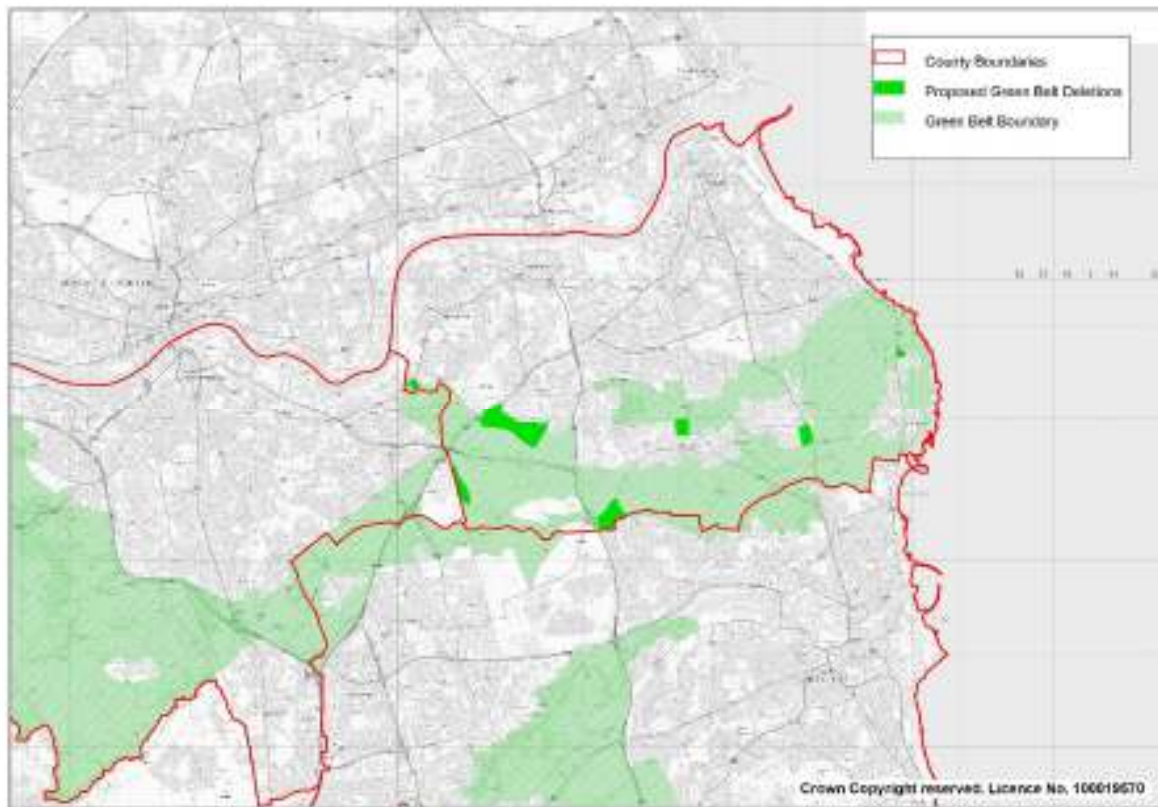
Environment

- 2.11 The built and natural environments 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 assets are not seen in isolation but are considered as an integral part of the nature conservation resource across the region.
- 2.12 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. There is cross boundary working on common Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS). South Tyneside, Sunderland and Gateshead form one LNRS area, County Durham another and Northumberland, Newcastle and North Tyneside have also formed a cross-boundary LNRS area.

- 2.13 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.
- 2.14 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 Partnership and local authorities.
- 2.15 The LEP area includes the Tyne and Wear Green Belt which extends across the Tyne and Wear Authorities as well as into parts of County Durham and Northumberland. Green Belt across the LEP Area was formally designated over a number of years through various development plans in force at that time.
- 2.16 The Green Belt in South Tyneside was first established in 1965 and now forms a contiguous Green Belt with that falling within Gateshead and Sunderland. Figure 3 shows the Tyne and Wear Green Belt with proposed deletions in South Tyneside.

Figure 3: The Tyne and Wear Green Belt showing proposed deletions within South Tyneside



3. The Duty with Each Authority

South Tyneside Council and Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council (GMBC)

Governance and Working Arrangements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South of Tyne Duty To Cooperate Meetings • Heads of Planning Meetings • South Tyneside and Gateshead Working Group Meetings • Economic Directors Meetings • NECA Regional Transport Group • North East Joint Transport Committee • North East Rail Management Unit • South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Partnership
Duty to Cooperate Meetings
See Appendix 4: Schedule of meetings
Key issue and outcomes
<p>Need for Green Belt Release <i>Issue:</i> Whether Gateshead Council are able to accommodate some of South Tyneside’s objectively assessed housing and employment land needs without Green Belt release.</p> <p><i>Outcome:</i> Once it became clear that South Tyneside Council would be unable to meet its objectively assessed housing needs in full without Green Belt release, the Council wrote a letter in 2018 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. Gateshead Council formally responded to advise that they would not be able to accommodate any of South Tyneside’s housing need without Green Belt incursion. In May 2022 STC wrote again to Gateshead requesting that Gateshead formally confirm that it is still not in a position to meet any of South Tyneside’s housing needs and also asked Gateshead to state whether Gateshead is able to meet any of South Tyneside’s economic development needs. The GMBC response stated ‘I can confirm that we continue to be unable to help meet South Tyneside’s housing land needs ... we are also not in a position to assist in meeting South Tyneside’s employment land needs’ (see Appendix 1).</p> <p><i>Working together in the future:</i> The two authorities will continue to liaise regarding Green Belt approaches and on any issues</p>
Sustainable Transport and highway capacity
<p><i>Issue:</i> Impact on encouraging sustainable travel and on highway capacity of the proposed development allocations, particularly the Fellgate Sustainable Growth Area development.</p> <p><i>Outcome:</i> At the Reg 18 stage, Gateshead Council made a representation stating ‘We would wish to see what, if any, assessment of the potential impact of these proposals on the local highway network has been undertaken – particularly on junctions at Heworth and Whitemare Pool and on routes into Gateshead. We would also like to discuss what efforts are being made to encourage active and public transport to/from these locations, in order to minimize car-borne trips to these locations reducing that impact on the highway network and widening access to the opportunities provided.’ The representation also stated, ‘A particular focus for Gateshead will be the Whitemare Pool Junction (A194M / A194 / A184).’</p>

Both the Delivering Sustainable Transport policy and the Fellgate Sustainable Growth Area policy in the South Tyneside Draft Local Plan support public transport and active travel provision and the South Tyneside Council Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Delivery Plan has been endorsed by Cabinet. STC has also met with Nexus (the Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Executive) with the objective of ensuring that public transport accessibility is embedded into the proposed Fellgate Sustainable Growth Area from the outset.

Working together in the future: Officers from South Tyneside Council and Gateshead Council had a Teams meeting on 14.12.2023 to discuss the issues raised by Gateshead in their representation. There was discussion around the proposed South Tyneside Local Plan housing allocations, particularly the Fellgate Sustainable Growth Area, and cross-boundary traffic generation implications for Gateshead. South Tyneside Council has strong partnership working with National Highways and strategic modelling had been undertaken for White Mare Pool. It was agreed that this modelling could be shared with Gateshead and to schedule a further meeting to discuss collaborative working between Gateshead and STC regarding the wider strategic highways implications of the proposed allocations in the South Tyneside Draft Local Plan.

Sustainable Transport

Issue: Mitigating the impact on the local highway network of the proposed allocation of Wardley Colliery for general economic development in the South Tyneside Draft Local Plan.

Outcome: Officers from Gateshead and STC met on 14.12.2023 to discuss the issues raised by Gateshead in their representation made at the Regulation 18 stage of the South Tyneside Draft Local Plan. The representation stated, 'There may be other planning issues relating to this proposed allocation in relation to Green Belt, Transport and Ecology'. The proposed Wardley Colliery allocation is on the boundary with Gateshead and close to Follingsby Park Industrial Estate. At the meeting, Gateshead clarified that their primary concern was in relation to transport and specifically to understand if improvements are proposed to the local transport infrastructure to mitigate the impact of the proposed development.

Working together in the future.

It was agreed to schedule a further liaison meeting and that this meeting would be focused specifically on transport issues including any improvements to the local highway network required as a result of the proposed allocation of land at Wardley Colliery for general economic development.

Sustainable Transport

Issue: The cross-boundary implications of the proposed new Metro station at Mill Lane, Hebburn.

Outcome: At the Reg 18 stage, Gateshead Council made a representation stating, 'The Council would seek to be involved in discussions around the proposed new Metro station at Mill Lane, outlined on the Policy, particularly related to access to the station from adjacent residential areas in Gateshead.' STC have commissioned consultants to assess the deliverability of the proposed new Metro station. When the initial 1st draft of this report is sent to South Tyneside Council it will be shared with Nexus and Gateshead Council and any concerns or queries raised will be responded to.

Working together in the future: The two authorities will continue to liaise regarding the proposed new Metro station at Mill Lane, Hebburn.

Green Infrastructure

Issue: The need to ensure collaborative engagement with Gateshead Council regarding shared green infrastructure networks.

Outcome: At the Reg 18 stage, Gateshead Council made a representation stating, 'It would be useful to continue be consulted on South Tyneside's Green Infrastructure Strategy when it is being produced as Gateshead and South Tyneside share green infrastructure networks. Similarly, South Tyneside will be consulted on Gateshead's Green Infrastructure Strategy in due course.'
Gateshead Council Officers were invited to partake in an online survey/interactive map as part of the South Tyneside Green Infrastructure Strategy update and were also invited to an online workshop. Similarly South Tyneside Council Officers were invited to partake in an online survey/interactive map and a workshop as part of the Gateshead Green Infrastructure Update and have responded positively.

Biodiversity

Issue: The need to ensure a collaborative approach to Local Nature Recovery Strategies.

Outcome: South Tyneside Council, Gateshead Council and Sunderland City Council are working collaboratively on the South of Tyne and Wear Local Nature Recovery Strategy. In addition there is engagement between the South of Tyne and Wear Local Nature Recovery Strategy and the North of Tyne, Durham, and Tees Valley Local Nature Recovery Strategies.

Working together in the future: The seven NE authorities will continue to ensure that there is engagement between the South of Tyne and Wear Local Nature Recovery Strategy and the North of Tyne, Durham, and Tees Valley Local Nature Recovery Strategies.

Flood and water management

Issue: The need to ensure integrated water management of the River Don catchment, taking account of the River Don Vision and collaborative working within the River Don Catchment Partnership.

Outcome: South Tyneside Council, Gateshead Council, the Environment Agency, Northumbrian Water, and the Tyne River Trusts are working collaboratively on the River Don Catchment Vision.

Working together in the future: South Tyneside Council, Gateshead Council, the Environment Agency, Northumbrian Water, and the Tyne River Trusts will continue working collaboratively on the River Don Catchment Vision.

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. The Tyne and Wear authorities (Gateshead Council, Newcastle Council, North Tyneside Council, South Tyneside Council and Sunderland Council) also work jointly to prepare an annual Local Aggregates Assessment. All of the aforementioned authorities actively participate, alongside the five Tees Valley authorities and representatives of the industry, in the North East Aggregates Working Party. The Working Party publishes an Annual Aggregates Monitoring Report.

The Aggregates Working Party 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.

South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council (SCC)

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Key issue and outcomes
<p>Need for Green Belt Release</p> <p>Issue: Whether SCC are able to accommodate some of South Tyneside’s objectively assessed housing and economic needs without Green Belt release.</p> <p>Outcome: Once it became clear that South Tyneside 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 SCC to ascertain whether they would be able to accommodate this growth within their own area without the need to release their own Green Belt. SCC formally responded to advise that they would not be able to accommodate any of Sunderland’s housing need without Green Belt incursion. In May 2022 STC wrote again to SCC requesting that SCC formally confirm that it is still not in a position to meet any of South Tyneside’s housing needs and also asked SCC to state whether SCC is able to meet any of South Tyneside’s economic development needs. The SCC response stated ‘<i>As such it would not be considered appropriate for the Council to reconsider its housing and general employment land requirements at this point in time and it would therefore not be possible for the Council to plan to meet some of South Tyneside’s unmet housing or economic development need</i>’ (see Appendix 2).</p> <p>Working together in the future: The two authorities will continue to liaise regarding housing and economic needs.</p>
Land to the North of Town End Farm
<p>Issue: Impact of the proposal on infrastructure provision within Sunderland</p> <p>Outcome: At the Regulation 18 stage, SCC made a representation stating ‘Given the scale of the development and its location adjacent to the urban area of Sunderland, it is likely that the proposals would have an impact on social and highway infrastructure within the city. It should therefore be ensured that appropriate developer contributions are provided to facilitate the</p>

delivery of any infrastructure improvements in Sunderland required as a result of the proposed development. It is also requested that SCC is consulted as a neighbouring authority as part of any transport scoping and assessment studies as part of any future planning applications. SCC would welcome further discussions on this matter and for any necessary infrastructure to be included as a policy requirement and be set out within the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.’

In terms of increased demand for school places, as a result of the development, discussions have taken place between the two authorities. (see Appendix 4: Schedule of meetings). At this stage it is difficult to determine whether the demand for places will be for schools within Sunderland or South Tyneside, depending on parental preferences. Based on current projections for school places, schools closest to the development in both authorities would not have sufficient places to meet the increased demand. As a result, school place planning managers, for both South Tyneside Borough Council and Sunderland City Council, have produced an assessment of the developer contributions that would be required to mitigate the impact of the development on school places in either Local Authority area. Once parental preferences become clear, the two authorities will work together to ensure sufficient capacity is developed.

Working together in the future: The two authorities will continue to liaise regarding infrastructure provision and the land to the North of Town End Farm.

Economic Development

Issue: The delivery of the IAMP. Although the IAMP has its own cross-boundary Area Action Delivery Plan and the Local Plan does not alter this, it is referenced within the Local Plan as it is a project of major importance to both Sunderland and south Tyneside Councils.

Outcome: At the Reg 18 stage, SCC made a representation stating: ‘SCC also supports and welcomes the Plan’s commitment to the delivery of the IAMP which brings together both local authorities in partnership. It is appropriate therefore to see that the IAMP features within Policy SP19: Strategic Economic Development. SCC will continue to work closely with South Tyneside Council in supporting the delivery of the IAMP.’

The two authorities worked collaboratively to assess the two applications that were submitted for the cross-boundary IAMP TWO phase of the project. Both applications have been determined positively.³

Within the IAMP, the 10 ha Ecological and Landscape Mitigation Area (ELMA) has been delivered through collaborative working. The ELMA provides the focus for implementing any mitigation and/or compensation for the impacts of the IAMP development on the area’s habitats, species and landscape.

Working together in the future: The two authorities will continue to liaise regarding the delivery of the IAMP

Sustainable travel

Issue: Enhancing sustainable travel connectivity between South Tyneside and Sunderland.

Outcome: At the Reg 18 stage, SCC made a representation stating: ‘SCC welcomes support for the re-opening of the Leamside Line, as well as safeguarding a railway alignment between South Shields and Sunderland through enhancements to the Boldon East curve as set out in Policy 53:

³ An application for IAMP TWO for the erection of industrial units (up to 168,000sqm) (Gross Internal Area) for light industrial, general industrial and storage and distribution uses and a new access road to the Northern Employment Area in South Tyneside was approved by South Tyneside Council’s Planning Committee on 29 August 2023.

Accessible and Sustainable Travel. These will help to create increased connectivity between South Tyneside and Sunderland and SCC looks forward to engaging with South Tyneside Council and other stakeholders in the future to help secure these initiatives.'

Working together in the future: The two authorities will continue to liaise regarding sustainable travel connectivity between South Tyneside and Sunderland.

Biodiversity

Issue: The need to ensure a collaborative approach to Local Nature Recovery Strategies.

Outcome: South Tyneside Council, Gateshead Council and Sunderland City Council are working collaboratively on the South of Tyne and Wear Local Nature Recovery Strategy. In addition there is engagement between the South of Tyne and Wear Local Nature Recovery Strategy and the North of Tyne, Durham, and Tees Valley Local Nature Recovery Strategies.

Working together in the future: The seven NE authorities will continue to ensure a collaborative approach through the North East Local Nature Recovery Strategy working group.

Biodiversity

Issue: The need to ensure a collaborative approach to Local Nature Recovery Strategies.

Outcome: There is engagement between the South of Tyne and Wear Local Nature Recovery Strategy and the North of Tyne, Durham, and Tees Valley Local Nature Recovery Strategies.

Working together in the future: The seven NE authorities will continue to ensure that there is engagement between the South of Tyne and Wear Local Nature Recovery Strategy and the North of Tyne, Durham, and Tees Valley Local Nature Recovery Strategies.

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. The Tyne and Wear authorities (Gateshead Council, Newcastle Council, North Tyneside Council, South Tyneside Council and Sunderland Council) also work jointly to prepare an annual Local Aggregates Assessment. All of the aforementioned authorities actively participate, alongside the five Tees Valley authorities and representatives of the industry, in the North East Aggregates Working Party. The Working Party publishes an Annual Aggregates Monitoring Report.

The Aggregates Working Party 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.

Habitat Regulations Assessment (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: South Tyneside Council have been part of an N2K Liaison Group, which included 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). This group has ceased following the COVID pandemic.

South Tyneside attend a COAST Project Steering Group Meeting with Sunderland City Council and Natural England. The meetings are to discuss HRA issues across both authority areas including implementation of mitigation strategies, bird and visitor surveys and other HRA issues.

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.

The Local Plan evidence base contains visitor survey work which has been jointly with Sunderland City Council and 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 COAST Project Steering Group.

South Tyneside Council and North Tyneside Council

Governance and Working Arrangements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heads of Planning Meetings • South Tyneside and Sunderland Working Group Meetings • Economic Directors Meetings • NECA Regional Transport Group • North East Joint Transport Committee • North East Rail Management Unit • South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Partnership
Key issue and outcomes
<p>Need for Green Belt Release</p> <p>Issue: Whether North Tyneside Council are able to accommodate some of South Tyneside’s objectively assessed housing needs without Green Belt release.</p> <p>Outcome: Once it became clear that South Tyneside 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 North 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. North Tyneside Council formally responded to advise that they would not be able to accommodate any of South Tyneside’s housing need without Green Belt incursion. In May 2022 STC wrote again to North Tyneside requesting that North Tyneside formally confirm that it is still not in a position to meet any of South Tyneside’s housing needs and also asked North Tyneside to state whether North Tyneside is able to meet any of South Tyneside’s economic development needs. The North Tyneside response stated, ‘I can therefore confirm that at this time North</p>

Tyneside Council is unable to accommodate unmet housing or economic needs from South Tyneside' (Appendix 3).

Working together in the future: The two authorities will continue to liaise regarding Green Belt approaches.

Biodiversity

Issue: The need to ensure a collaborative approach to Local Nature Recovery Strategies.

Outcome: There is engagement between the South of Tyne and Wear Local Nature Recovery Strategy and the North of Tyne, Durham, and Tees Valley Local Nature Recovery Strategies.

Working together in the future: The seven NE authorities will continue to ensure that there is engagement between the South of Tyne and Wear Local Nature Recovery Strategy and the North of Tyne, Durham, and Tees Valley Local Nature Recovery Strategies.

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. The Tyne and Wear authorities (Gateshead Council, Newcastle Council, North Tyneside Council, South Tyneside Council and Sunderland Council) also work jointly to prepare an annual Local Aggregates Assessment. All of the aforementioned authorities actively participate, alongside the five Tees Valley authorities and representatives of the industry, in the North East Aggregates Working Party. The Working Party publishes an Annual Aggregates Monitoring Report.

The Aggregates Working Party 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.

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South Tyneside attend a COAST Project Steering Group Meeting with Sunderland City Council and Natural England. The meetings are to discuss HRA issues across both authority areas including implementation of mitigation strategies, bird and visitor surveys and other HRA issues.

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.

The Local Plan evidence base contains visitor survey work which has been jointly with Sunderland City Council and 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 COAST Project Steering Group.

South Tyneside Council and Durham County Council (DCC)

Governance and Working Arrangements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South of Tyne Duty To Cooperate Meetings • Heads of Planning Meetings • South Tyneside and DCC Working Group Meetings • Economic Directors Meetings • NECA Regional Transport Group • North East Joint Transport Committee • North East Rail Management Unit
Key issue and outcomes
<p>Economic Growth</p> <p>Issue: Working together to support economic growth across the North East LEP area</p> <p>Outcome: South Tyneside forms part of the North East LEP area alongside Durham County Council, Gateshead Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council, Newcastle City Council and Sunderland City Council. South Tyneside 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Biodiversity</p> <p>Issue: The need to ensure a collaborative approach to Local Nature Recovery Strategies.</p> <p>Outcome: There is engagement between the South of Tyne and Wear Local Nature Recovery Strategy and the North of Tyne, Durham, and Tees Valley Local Nature Recovery Strategies.</p> <p>Working together in the future: The seven NE authorities will continue to ensure that there is engagement between the South of Tyne and Wear Local Nature Recovery Strategy and the North of Tyne, Durham, and Tees Valley Local Nature Recovery Strategies.</p>
<p>Minerals</p> <p>Issue: Ensuring an adequate and steady supply of minerals to meet local and wider needs.</p>

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. 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.

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Working together in the future: The Council will continue to work closely with other authorities on HRA matters through the COAST Project Steering Group.

South Tyneside Council and Newcastle City Council (NCC)

Governance and Working Arrangements

- Heads of Planning Meetings

- South Tyneside and NCC Working Group Meetings
- Economic Directors Meetings
- NECA Regional Transport Group
- North East Joint Transport Committee
- North East Rail Management Unit

Key issue and outcomes

Economic Growth

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

Outcome: South Tyneside forms part of the North East LEP area alongside Durham County Council, Gateshead Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council, Newcastle City Council and Sunderland City Council. South Tyneside 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.

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.

Biodiversity

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Working together in the future: The seven NE authorities will continue to ensure that there is engagement between the South of Tyne and Wear Local Nature Recovery Strategy and the North of Tyne, Durham, and Tees Valley Local Nature Recovery Strategies.

Minerals

Issue: The need to reflect the importance of Red Barnes Quarry in South Tyneside to the Throckley Brickworks in Newcastle, within the Local Plan.

Outcome: At the Regulation 18 stage, NCC made representation requesting that Red Barnes Quarry is referenced within the Waste and Minerals Policy.

Working together in the future:

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. 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.

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South Tyneside Council and Northumberland County Council

Governance and Working Arrangements

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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.

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4. Duty to Cooperate with Prescribed Bodies and other key stakeholders

The Environment Agency (EA)

Duty to Cooperate meetings and cooperation

Regular meetings have taken place between the Council's Environmental Protection team and the EA regarding the management surface water flooding in existing residential areas. However these meetings have not been Local Plan specific.

Key issues and outcomes

The EA submitted comments on the wording of policies following the consultation on the draft Regulation 18 Local Plan. The Council has responded to these comments as set out in the Consultation Statement.

There has also been correspondence between the Council and the EA regarding the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA). The Council stated that surface water thresholds have not been met to trigger a Level 2 SFRA and that the sequential test includes flood risk from all sources for each site. The EA responded that, subject to written confirmation of these points (which was provided), they were content that a Level 2 SFRA had not been triggered.

Subsequent to the Level 1 SFRA being finalised, the Employment Land Review identified additional sites within the Port of Tyne. In order to be comprehensive the Council commissioned an SFRA Level 1 Addendum to appraise the Port of Tyne sites. The Addendum showed that eight of the nine sites are within the functional floodplain. The Council considers that the proportion within the functional floodplain for two of these sites is relatively small and can therefore be mitigated through the design and layout of development. However, a Level 2 SFRA has been triggered for the other six sites. This is currently being undertaken by JBA Consulting. When it has been finalised, it will be shared with the EA and any comments received will be taken into consideration.

Working together in the future

The Council will continue to engage with the EA regarding the Local Plan and other workstreams.

Statement of Common Ground

The Council does not consider that there are any substantial areas of disagreement with the EA that need to be addressed through a Statement of Common Ground.

This is notwithstanding that the EA has been invited to respond to the consultation on the Draft (Regulation 19) Local Plan and that the EA may also wish to comment on the Level 1 SFRA Addendum and the Level 2 SFRA and the updated Sequential Test for flood risk.

Historic England

Duty to Cooperate meetings and cooperation

Meetings took place between the Council's Historic Environment Officer and Historic England to discuss the draft historic environment policies prior to the publication of the draft (Regulation 18) Local Plan

Key issues and outcomes

Historic England provided comments and suggestions on the wording of the draft historic environment policies. These comments and suggestions were taken into consideration prior to the final drafting of the policies.

A methodology for undertaking Heritage Impact Assessments was also agreed.

Historic England submitted comments on the wording of policies following the consultation on the draft Regulation Local Plan. The Council has responded to these comments as set out in the Consultation Statement.

Working together in the future

The Council will continue to engage with Historic England regarding the Local Plan and other workstreams.

Statement of Common Ground

The Council does not consider that there are any substantial areas of disagreement with Historic England that need to be addressed through a Statement of Common Ground.

This is notwithstanding that Historic England has been invited to respond to the consultation on the Draft (Regulation 19) Local Plan.

The Civil Aviation Authority / Newcastle International Airport

Duty to Cooperate meetings and cooperation

We have engaged with Newcastle International Airport via a Teams meeting and email

Key issues and outcomes

We recognise the role of Newcastle International Airport (NIA) as a key gateway into the Region and is a stakeholder in the Airport. We have worked with NIA to prepare Policy 53 (Airport and Aircraft Safety) which recognises that the Borough falls within the defined Newcastle International Aerodrome Safeguarding Area and that proposals should be designed accordingly.

Working together in the future

The Council will continue to engage with NIA regarding the Local Plan and other workstreams.

Statement of Common Ground

The Council does not consider that there are any substantial areas of disagreement with NIA that need to be addressed through a Statement of Common Ground.

This is notwithstanding that the NIA has been invited to respond to the consultation on the Draft (Regulation 19) Local Plan.

Natural England

Duty to Cooperate meetings and cooperation

Natural England has participated in meetings and cooperative working in relation to a number of workstreams that are related, but not specific to, the emerging Local Plan. For example, the working groups working on local nature recovery strategies.

Key issues and outcomes

Natural England submitted comments on the wording of policies following the consultation on the draft Regulation Local Plan. The Council has responded to these comments as set out in the Consultation Statement.

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.

Working together in the future

The Council will continue to engage with Natural England regarding the Local Plan and other workstreams.

Statement of Common Ground

The Council does not consider that there are any substantial areas of disagreement with Natural England that need to be addressed through a Statement of Common Ground.

This is notwithstanding that Natural England has been invited to respond to the consultation on the Draft (Regulation 19) Local Plan.

Homes England

Duty to Cooperate meetings and cooperation

Homes England has not made any representations in response to the consultation on the draft (Regulation 18) Local Plan.

Key issues and outcomes

The Council's Housing Strategy team has worked with Homes England regarding funding opportunities to support housing delivery within the Borough. However whilst housing delivery is obviously related to the emerging Local Plan, this workstream has not been specifically bound to the Local Plan.

Currently Housing Strategy has a constant dialogue open with Homes England to ensure that funding opportunities across various aspects of Housing (Homelessness, New Build, etc.) are maximised where possible to allow for the housing needs for South Tyneside are met.

As well as New Build grant, we also work with Homes England over enabling development through the Brownfield Release Fund and are working closely on the North East Combined Authority devolution deal to ensure that the region works effectively together for the benefit of developing housing and affordable housing within the seven North East local authorities.

Statement of Common Ground

The Council did not receive any comments from Homes England in response to the consultation on the draft (Regulation 18) Local Plan. Therefore the Council does not consider that there is any requirement for a Statement of Common Ground with Homes England.

This is notwithstanding that Homes England has been invited to respond to the consultation on the Draft (Regulation 19) Local Plan.

North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (formerly South Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group{CCC})

Duty to Cooperate meetings and cooperation

The Council has held several meetings with the ICB to discuss health provision in the Borough

Key issues and outcomes

The ICB would like to ensure that they receive contributions towards health infrastructure.

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

Working together in the future

The Council will continue to liaise with the ICB regarding the evidence base required in order to seek contributions towards health infrastructure required as a result of development.

Statement of Common Ground

The Council does not consider that there are any substantial areas of disagreement with the ICB that need to be addressed through a Statement of Common Ground.

This is notwithstanding that the ICB has been invited to respond to the consultation on the Draft (Regulation 19) Local Plan.

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO)

Duty to Cooperate meetings and cooperation

The Council has meetings with the MMO to discuss the Marine Management Plan

Key issues and outcomes

The MMO submitted comments on the draft Regulation 18 Local Plan. The Council has responded to these comments as set out in the Consultation Statement.

Working together in the future

The Council will continue to liaise with the MMO regarding the Marine Management Plan and any issues related to the emerging Local Plan.

Statement of Common Ground

The Council does not consider that there are any substantial areas of disagreement with the MMO that need to be addressed through a Statement of Common Ground.

This is notwithstanding that the MMO has been invited to respond to the consultation on the Draft (Regulation 19) Local Plan.

The Office of Road and Rail (ORR)

Duty to Cooperate meetings and cooperation

The ORR has not made any representations in response to the consultation on the draft (Regulation 18) Local Plan.

Key issues and outcomes

The emerging Local Plan seeks to safeguard land for the rail connections and the reinstatement of the Leamside Line within the South Tyneside boundary. However, at the Regulation 18 stage, the Council did not receive a representation from the ORR.

Statement of Common Ground

The Council did not receive any comments from the ORR in response to the consultation on the draft (Regulation 18) Local Plan. Therefore the Council does not consider that there is any requirement for a Statement of Common Ground with the ORR.

This is notwithstanding that the ORR has been invited to respond to the consultation on the Draft (Regulation 19) Local Plan.

National Highways

Duty to Cooperate meetings and cooperation

The Council has held regular meetings with National Highways during the preparation of the Plan.

Key issues and outcomes

National Highways submitted comments on the wording of policies following the consultation on the draft Regulation Local Plan. The Council has responded to these comments as set out in the Consultation Statement.

National Highways has indicated that in order to understand the potential impact of the Plan in the Strategic Road Network (SRN), detailed modelling work needed to be undertaken and that the work needed to have particular regard to the impact of the proposed Land south of Fellgate development on White Mare Pool junction, including an assessment of mitigation options, as well as other impacts on the SRN.

STC has liaised closely with Highways England both with regard to agreeing the scope of the modelling work to be undertaken and with regard to providing inputs for the modelling work. The Council share the latest proposed housing and employment allocations to include in the modelling.

Working together in the future

The Council will continue to liaise with National Highways regarding the impacts of the Plan on the SRN.

Statement of Common Ground

The Council does not consider that there are any substantial areas of disagreement with National Highways. However it is recognised that the impact of the Plan on the SRN is a key strategic issue. Therefore the Council is working towards signing a Statement of Common Ground with National Highways.

[Integrated Transport Authority \(Nexus\)](#)

Duty to Cooperate meetings and cooperation

The Council has held a meeting with Nexus during the preparation of the Plan.

Key issues and outcomes

Nexus submitted comments on the wording of policies following the consultation on the draft Regulation Local Plan. The Council has responded to these comments as set out in the Consultation Statement.

The Nexus representation included the statement ‘Nexus is fully committed to working proactively with South Tyneside Council, developers, applicants, and others, in improving and encouraging sustainable travel from new and existing developments’. STC has met with Nexus to discuss public transport connectivity to the proposed Fellgate Sustainable Growth Area development. The proposed new Metro station at Mill Lane, Fellgate was also discussed at the meeting.

Working together in the future

The Council will continue to liaise with Nexus to encourage sustainable travel from and to new developments.

Statement of Common Ground

The Council does not consider that there are any substantial areas of disagreement with Nexus. Therefore the Council does not consider that there is any requirement for a Statement of Common Ground with Nexus.

This is notwithstanding that Nexus has been invited to respond to the consultation on the Draft (Regulation 19) Local Plan.

[The North East Local Enterprise Partnership \(NELEP\)](#)

Duty to Cooperate meetings and cooperation

The NELEP has not made any representations in response to the consultation on the draft (Regulation 18) Local Plan.

Key issues and outcomes

Strategic Objective No 7 of the Plan is 'Building a strong, competitive economy' and the Council's Economic Development team are working proactively with the NELEP towards this objective.

Statement of Common Ground

The Council did not receive any comments from the NELEP response to the consultation on the draft (Regulation 18) Local Plan. Therefore the Council does not consider that there is any requirement for a Statement of Common Ground with the NELEP.

This is notwithstanding that the NELEP has been invited to respond to the consultation on the Draft (Regulation 19) Local Plan.

Other key stakeholders for the duty to cooperate

Sport England

Duty to Cooperate meetings and cooperation

The Council has held meetings with Sport England during the preparation of the Plan.

Key issues and outcomes

Sport England submitted comments on the wording of policies following the consultation on the draft Regulation Local Plan. The Council has responded to these comments as set out in the Consultation Statement.

The Sport England representation included objections to several key policies and stated that Sport England would be happy to work with the Council in order that the objections can be resolved.

Working together in the future

The Council will continue to liaise with Sport England regarding the impacts of the Plan on playing field provision.

Statement of Common Ground

The Council acknowledges that Sport England has major concerns regarding the impact of the Plan on playing field provision. Therefore the Council is working towards signing a Statement of Common Ground with Sport England.

Northumbrian Water

Duty to Cooperate meetings and cooperation

The Council has held meetings with Northumbrian Water during the preparation of the Plan.

Key issues and outcomes

Northumbrian Water submitted comments on the wording of policies following the consultation on the draft Regulation Local Plan. The Council has responded to these comments as set out in the Consultation Statement.

The Council has also liaised with Northumbrian Water during the preparation of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

Working together in the future

The Council will continue to liaise with Northumbrian Water wate supply and sewage management in the borough.

Statement of Common Ground

The Council does not consider that there are any substantial areas of disagreement with Northumbrian Water. Therefore the Council does not consider that there is any requirement for a Statement of Common Ground with Northumbrian Water.

This is notwithstanding that Northumbrian Water has been invited to respond to the consultation on the Draft (Regulation 19) Local Plan.

5. How the Duty to Cooperate has influenced the Plan

- 5.1 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 in changes to the Plan during its preparation to ensure that cross boundary planning matters have been satisfactorily addressed.

Gateshead Council

- 5.2 When it became evident that South Tyneside 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 in 2019 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 and this position was subsequently reconfirmed in 2021 and in 2022.
- 5.3 One of the key allocations in the Local Plan is the Fellgate Sustainable Growth Area for 1200 homes. Its location in close proximity to the strategic road network means that it has the potential for cross-boundary implications and Gateshead Council has expressed concern over the potential impact on traffic flows into Gateshead. South Tyneside Council has strong partnership working with National Highways to assess the impact on the strategic road network and has indicated its willingness to share the strategic modelling that has been undertaken for White Mare Pool junction with Gateshead. This is reflected in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and in point v of Policy SP8: Fellgate Sustainable Growth Area which states 'Ensure that there are no unacceptable impacts on highway safety or severe residual cumulative impacts on the wider strategic road network in terms of capacity and congestion, including mitigating the impact of the development at White Mare Pool Roundabout.' STC is committed to maintaining an ongoing dialogue with Gateshead to ensure that concerns continue to be addressed.
- 5.4 Gateshead Council has also expressed concern regarding the potential impact on the local highway network of the proposed allocation of land at Wardley Colliery for general economic development. The Wardley Colliery site is on the boundary with Gateshead and close to the Follingsby Industrial Park in Gateshead. STC are committed to an ongoing dialogue with Gateshead to ensure that this concern is addressed. If improvements to local transport infrastructure are identified as necessary following this dialogue, then the next update of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan will reflect this.
- 5.5 Gateshead Council has stated that it would seek to be involved in discussions around the proposed new Metro station at Mill Lane. STC has commissioned a report from consultants to assess the deliverability of this proposed allocation and when the initial 1st draft is received both Nexus and Gateshead will be briefed on the key findings. Whilst this has not necessitated a change to the Plan, it does demonstrate that STC are committed to addressing any wider impacts of the Plan through collaborative working.

Sunderland City Council (SCC)

- 5.6 When it became evident that South Tyneside 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 in 2019 to ask if they would be able to accommodate this growth without making amendments to their own Green Belt boundaries to do so. Sunderland Council advised that they were unable to accommodate any additional growth without Green Belt incursion and this position was subsequently reconfirmed in 2021 and in 2022.
- 5.7 Land to the North of Town Farm is an allocation for 400 homes in the South Tyneside Publication Draft Local Plan. The allocation is on the boundary with the Sunderland local authority area (Town End Farm is in Sunderland). The proposed development has the potential therefore to impact on school places provision. Discussions have taken place between the two authorities and the Sunderland school places planning manager has produced an assessment of the developer contributions that would be required to mitigate the impact of the proposed development on school places. This assessment has been made available to the South Tyneside Council School Places Planning Manager. This demonstrates the Council's commitment to a cross-boundary approach to social infrastructure provision where this may be necessary to mitigate the impacts of a Plan allocation. STC is committed to maintaining a dialogue with Sunderland regarding this issue.
- 5.8 Sunderland City Council has also stated that the proposed development at Land to the North of Town End Farm could impact on the highway infrastructure within Sunderland and requested that SCC is consulted as a neighbouring authority as part of any transport scoping and assessment studies as part of any future planning applications. The Service Lead for Transport Services at STC has contacted the Manager of Sunderland City Council's Highway Safety Team to indicate that STC wishes to engage positively with SCC regarding this issue. STC is committed to a dialogue with SCC regarding this issue to ensure that any concerns are fully addressed. Reflecting South Tyneside Council's response to the SCC representation a new bullet point has been added to the development allocation for the Land to North of Town End Farm (Final bullet point, site reference GA3 in Policy SP7: Urban and Village Sustainable Growth Areas) *'Consider the need to contribute to mitigating impacts on the neighbouring authority of Sunderland.'*
- 5.9 Sunderland City Council commented at the Regulation 18 stage that they welcome support for the re-opening of the Leamside Line as well as safeguarding a railway alignment between South Shields and Sunderland through enhancements to the Boldon East curve. This continues to be reflected in South Tyneside plan-making. Policy 52: Safeguarding Land for Metro and Rail development in the South Tyneside Publication Draft Local Plan safeguards a railway alignment between South Shields and Sunderland through enhancements to the Boldon East curve. The policy also safeguards land for rail connections for the reinstatement of the Leamside Line within the administrative boundary of South Tyneside. The need for a sub-regional transport perspective has therefore clearly directly influenced the policy.

- 5.10 In addition both STC and SCC are currently liaising with Nexus regarding the potential re-opening of the Leaside Line. This follows the publication by Transport North East of the first steps of the business case, for approval by the North East Joint Transport Committee (JTC), for a new Metro connection from Pelaw to South Hylton, via Washington, with new stations proposed in Follingsby, Washington North and Washington South. Nexus have held an introductory meeting with officers from SCC to brief them on progress to-date and are seeking to schedule an introductory meeting with Transport and Spatial Planning officers from South Tyneside for the same purpose. The intention is then to facilitate a joint-stakeholder workshop.

Nexus

- 5.11 Nexus made a representation in response to the consultation on the Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan. The representation included the following comment on the Fellgate Sustainable Growth Area 'Generating new development at this location will require specific intervention and appropriate new mitigations to create new bus networks. Nexus welcomes the stated aim to incorporate convenient and safe cycle routes and pedestrian routes within any development on this site. The proximity of this allocated land to the Tyne and Wear Metro, several large employment areas, as well as to the main road corridors of the A19 and A184, suggest there would be significant opportunity to broaden the active travel options nearby. Nexus would welcome and advise towards any pre-application consultation regarding any development at Fellgate'.
- 5.12 Policy SP8: Fellgate Sustainable Growth Area in the Publication Draft Local Plan has continued with the approach of prioritising public transport provision and active travel . Moreover STC Spatial Planning and Transport officers have met with Nexus to discuss how public transport connectivity can be embedded into the development (see Appendix 4: Schedule of meetings). As further detail is added to the plans for the Fellgate Sustainable Growth Area through master planning, it is anticipated that there will be further dialogue with Nexus.
- 5.13 The Nexus representation also included the following comment 'Working collaboratively with others to promote the viability of reopening passenger services on the Leaside Line would greatly improve rail connectivity between communities of South Tyneside and other areas in the North East region via connections at Pelaw and deliver on intentions promoted by the Integrated Rail Plan. Further improvements to the Tyne and Wear Metro Network would enhance connectivity between communities of South Tyneside and Sunderland.' As detailed above (see Para 5.10) both Sunderland City Council and STC are currently liaising with Nexus regarding the potential re-opening of the Leaside Line and Policy 52: Safeguarding Land for Metro and Rail development, embeds the STC commitment to this aspiration within the Publication Draft Local Plan.
- 5.14 The safeguarding of land for Metro and rail development was previously embedded in Policy 53: Accessible and Sustainable Travel of the Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan. When this policy was being formulated, Nexus was consulted on the land that was proposed to be safeguarded within the policy. It is therefore apparent as to how liaison with Nexus has influenced the South Tyneside Publication Draft Local Plan and that continued

dialogue with Nexus will continue to influence the planning of public transport provision both within South Tyneside and in a cross-boundary context.

National Highways

- 5.15 South Tyneside Council and National Highways have strong partnership working. This has included the following:
- Holding regular (approximately every 6 to 8 weeks) liaison meetings (See Appendix 4: Schedule of meetings) to discuss both development management and strategic highways matters and the emerging Local Plan.
 - Jointly commissioning modelling of the strategic road network (SRN) in order to determine the impact of the development allocations in the emerging Local Plan on the SRN.
- 5.16 The conclusion to the South Tyneside Council Local Plan Strategic Road Network – SRN Testing SRN Report, states ‘The proposed infrastructure schemes, widening at White Mare Pool junction (including a lane gain from Follingsby Lane junction) and Lindisfarne southbound lane gain, are required for satisfactory network operation, with the former required from 2030 and the latter from 2035.’
- 5.17 Policy SP8: Fellgate Sustainable Growth Area in the Publication Draft Local Plan states (point 5v) ‘Ensure that there are no unacceptable impacts on highway safety or severe residual cumulative impacts on the wider strategic road network in terms of capacity and congestion, including mitigating the impact of the development at White Mare Pool Roundabout.’ The supporting test to the policy states ‘The joint modelling produced by South Tyneside Council and National Highways identifies that major improvements to White Mare Pool Roundabout will need to have been implemented by 2030 and southbound lane gain at Lindisfarne will need to be implemented by 2035.’
- 5.18 National Highways made a representation in response to the consultation on the Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan. The representation included the following comment ‘As you are aware, National Highways are currently reviewing scheme options aimed at improving the A194(M) / A184 White Mare Pool junction. Whilst further discussions may be required regarding the deliverability of a scheme at the A194(M) / A184 White Mare Pool junction to mitigate the proposed Local Plan allocations, we support the proposed Policy 54 which includes improvements to the White Mare Pool Junction (A194M / A194 / A184). We acknowledge that a funding commitment for SRN mitigation is not required at the Local Plan stage, however, we will require some degree of certainty that sufficient scheme is deliverable.’
- 5.19 This approach is carried forward in Policy 51: Improving capacity on the road network, in the Publication Draft Local Plan. The policy states, ‘The Council will work with key Partners to deliver targeted improvements to the road network’ and the policy references ‘Whitemare Pool Junction (A194M/A194/A184)’ as one of the junctions included.
- 5.20 South Tyneside Council will continue to work in partnership with National Highways and it is intended to produce a Joint Statement of Common Ground in due course.

NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB)

- 5.21 The Council had several meetings at which South Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), as well as the Council's Public Health Team, were represented. The purpose of the meetings was to discuss the primary health care provision in the context of the emerging Local Plan. Owing to a reorganisation, CCGs have ceased to exist. The role of South Tyneside CCG has been superseded by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board. The Council has continued partnership working with the ICB. This is reflected in point 5 of Policy SP8: Fellgate Sustainable Growth Area, which requires provision for a well located and connected local centre and states that the local centre shall include 'opportunities for health care provision'. The Council continues to work with the ICB on the health matters including the preparation of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

Natural England

- 5.22 Natural England made a representation in response to the consultation on the Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan. Some amendments to the Plan have been made to reflect this. For example, Natural England recommended 'strengthening Strategic Objective 12 and referencing the forthcoming Local Nature Recovery Strategy'. Strategic Objective 12 has been amended to include specific reference to the South of Tyne and Wear Local Nature Recovery Strategy. In addition several meetings have been held with Natural England to discuss such matters as the emerging Local Plan Habitats Regulations Assessment.

Sport England

- 5.23 Sport England made a representation in response to the consultation on the Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan. The Sport England representation included objections to several key policies and stated that Sport England would be happy to work with the Council in order that the objections can be resolved. Sport England objected to 'proposed allocations as the Plan has not demonstrated that playing field policy will be met'. The Council has worked collaboratively with Sport England and the National Governing Bodies (e.g. the Football Association, the Rugby Football Union and England Cricket) on the Playing Pitch Strategy. Whilst the Strategy is not yet complete, interim findings from it have informed the preparation of the Regulation 19 publication Draft Local Plan. The Council's response to the representation by Sport England is set out in full in the Statement of Consultation. The Council will continue to liaise with Sport England to address the issues raised in the representation.

Historic England

- 5.24 Historic England did not make a representation in response to the consultation on the Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan. However the Council has liaised with Historic England in relation to the policies contained in the Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment Chapter and they have made some suggestions to the wording of the policies. These have been incorporated into the Regulation 19 Publication Draft Local Plan.

Environment Agency (EA)

- 5.25 The EA made a representation in response to the consultation on the Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan. Some amendments to the Plan have been made in response to the representation, as set out in the Statement of Consultation.

Marine Management Organisation (MMO)

- 5.26 The MMO made a representation in response to the consultation on the Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan. There has also been email correspondence and meetings between the Council and the MMO regarding the emerging Local Plan (see Appendix 4: Schedule of meetings). Some amendments to the wording of the supporting text for some Local Plan policies has been made in response and also some text has been inserted into the introductory section of the Local Plan setting out the relationship between the Local Plan and the North East Marine Plan.

Appendix 1: Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council's response to request from South Tyneside Council for assistance with meeting housing and economic development needs

Hi Matthew

Please accept my apologies that we did not respond to your original request. This was an oversight.

I can confirm that we continue to be unable to help meet South Tyneside's housing land needs. The assessment for 2021 is on our website and shows a substantial shortfall in the five-year housing land supply. The assessment for 2022 has not yet been finalised, but from the work that has been done so far it appears most unlikely that it would materially change the situation.

Neil Wilkinson has confirmed to me that we are also not in a position to assist in meeting South Tyneside's employment land needs.

Kind regards

Clive Gowlett

Appendix 2: Sunderland City Council's response to request from South Tyneside Council for assistance with meeting housing and economic development needs

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Date: 29/06/2022
Our ref:
Your ref:

This matter is being dealt with by: Joanne Scott, Planning Policy Team Leader, Strategic Plans Team, City Hall, Sunderland, SR1 3AA.
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Dear Matthew,

SOUTH TYNESIDE EMERGING LOCAL PLAN

I refer to your recent letter regarding the emerging South Tyneside Local Plan and the associated housing land supply and economic development needs position, which was received on 30th May 2022.

As you will be aware, Sunderland City Council adopted its Core Strategy and Development Plan in January 2020 which established the housing and general employment land requirement for the city over the plan period to 2033. As such it would not be considered appropriate for the Council to reconsider its housing and general employment land requirements at this point in time and it would therefore not be possible for the Council to plan to meet some of South Tyneside's unmet housing or economic development needs.

I trust that the above letter is of assistance, however if you have any further questions regarding this matter, please don't hesitate to contact Joanne Scott by email at joanne.scott@sunderland.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine Auld".

Catherine Auld
Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration

Appendix 3: North Tyneside Council's response to request from South Tyneside Council for assistance with meeting housing and economic development need



North Tyneside Council
Quadrant
The Silverlink North
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Our Ref: South Tyneside Local Plan
Date: 16 June 2022

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South Tyneside emerging Local Plan

Dear Matthew

In your letter of 30 May 2022 you noted that South Tyneside will not be able to meet its minimum local housing need in full from non-Green Belt sources, and sought confirmation that North Tyneside continues to be unable to accommodate any unmet need. You have also sought a view on whether North Tyneside could assist in meeting any of South Tyneside's economic needs.

As previously set out in our letter of 10 February 2021, North Tyneside Council adopted the North Tyneside Local Plan in July 2017. For the Local Plan period to 2032 the Council was able to identify sufficient housing sites without requiring the release of Green Belt land. However, total available housing supply within North Tyneside, on allocated and other developable sites outside the Green Belt, is not sufficient to include an increased housing requirement from neighbouring Local Authorities. In addition, the supply of allocated available employment land within North Tyneside has been identified in order to meet the economic needs of the Borough.

I can therefore confirm that at this time North Tyneside Council is unable to accommodate unmet housing or economic needs from South Tyneside.

Yours sincerely

Martin Craddock
Team Leader Planning Policy
North Tyneside Council

Appendix 4: Schedule of meetings

Date	Meeting	Attendees	Issues	Actions & Outcomes
<i>Local Plan update with National Highways</i>				
29.11.2023	Local Plan update with National Highways	Trevor Male, Deborah Lamb, Matt Clifford, Chris Thomson, Andrew Inch (STC); James Finch, James Quigley, Sandra Hill-Smith (Systra)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic Modelling update - Phasing and funding 	National Highways to be requested to provide update at future meeting from their Major Projects team on the phasing and funding of the major improvements to White Mare Pool junction
22.11.2023	Local Plan update with National Highways	Trevor Male, Deborah Lamb, Matt Clifford, Chris Thomson, Andrew Inch (STC); Sunny Ali, Paul Dixon (National Highways); James Finch (Systra)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Highways update - Local Plan update - Strategic modelling / major scheme update - Phasing - Master planning 	To schedule further meeting
9.11.2023	Local Plan update with National Highways	Trevor Male, Deborah Lamb, Matt Clifford, Jonathan Barlow, Andrew Inch (STC); Sunny Ali, Paul Dixon (National Highways); James Finch, James Quigley, Sandra Hill-Smith (Systra)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modelling update 	To schedule further meeting
17.10.2023	Local Plan update with National Highways	Matt Clifford, Jonathan Barlow, Andrew Inch (STC); Sunny Ali, Paul Dixon (National Highways); James Finch, James Quigley (Systra)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modelling update - Local Plan update - Avant Homes application for site of South Tyneside College, South Shields 	To schedule further meeting

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15.9.2023	Local Plan update with National Highways	Trevor Male, Deborah Lamb, Matt Clifford, Chris Thompson (STC); Sunny Ali, Paul Dixon (National Highways); James Finch, James Quigley, Sandra Hill-Smith (Systra)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modelling update - National Highways update - Local Plan update - Strategic Modelling - Major schemes 	To schedule further meeting
20.7.2023	Local Plan update with National Highways	Trevor Male, Deborah Lamb, Matt Clifford, Chris Thompson, Andrew Inch (STC); Sunny Ali, Paul Dixon (National Highways); James Finch, James Quigley (Systra)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modelling update - National Highways update - Local Plan update 	To schedule further meeting
7.6.2023	Local Plan update with National Highways	Trevor Male, Deborah Lamb, Matt Clifford, Jonathan Barlow (STC); Sunny Ali – Highways England; James Finch, James Quigley (Systra)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IAMP update - Modelling update - National Highways update - Local Plan update 	TM to organise a STC/SCC meeting to discuss the IAMP application
18.4.2023	Local Plan update with National Highways	James Finch (Systra), Paul Dixon, Sunny Ali (National Highways), Chris Thompson Jonathan Barlow, Andrew Inch, Deborah Lamb, Matt Clifford (STC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land south of Fellgate – development capacity and the deliverability of sustainable transport measures. - Systra modelling 	The Spatial Planning team to identify an updated Local Plan allocation scenario
11.8.2022	Local Plan update with National Highways	James Finch, (Systra), Paul Dixon, Sunny Ali (National Highways), Deborah Lamb, Matt Clifford (STC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Highways representation in response to the consultation on the Draft (Regulation 18) Local Plan - Local Plan update - Planning applications 	N/a
15.6.2022	Local Plan update with National Highways	James Finch, Harry Mann (Systra), Paul Dixon, Sunny Ali (National Highways), Trevor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pressures at Tyne Tunnel Approach Road / Howard Street junction 	James Finch, Harry Mann (Systra), Paul Dixon, Sunny Ali (National Highways), Trevor

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		Male, Jonathan Barlow, Christopher Elliott, Louise Sloan, Matt Clifford (STC)		Male, Jonathan Barlow, Christopher Elliott, Louise Sloan, Matt Clifford (STC)
12.4.2022	Local Plan update with National Highways	James Finch, (Systra), Paul Dixon, Sunny Ali (National Highways), Trevor Male, Louise Sloan, Matt Clifford, (STC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The future of the IAMP Area Action Plan (AAP) - Local Plan update - White Mare Pool junction - Planning applications - Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LS to facilitate discussion with Sunderland Planning Policy team regarding the future of the AAP - LS to organise a meeting with national Highways during the Local Plan consultation period - National Highways to be requested to state their position in response to a potential Levelling Up funding bid regarding WMP junction - MC to send IDP transport section to National Highways and Systra for them to review prior to publication
10.3.2022	Local Plan update with National Highways	James Finch, Andrew Tennant (Systra), Paul Dixon, Sunny Ali (National Highways), Trevor Male, Jonathan Barlow, Louise Sloan, Matt Clifford (STC).	Pressures at White Mare Pool junction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LS to organise meeting with Heads of Planning & Transport for South Tyneside, Sunderland & Gateshead. - JF to organise a presentation by Systra for the meeting on the Emerging WMP Pressures study and the impact of planning applications.
<i>Local Plan update with Nexus</i>				
29.9.2023	Local Plan update with Nexus	Deborah Lamb, Matt Clifford, Chris Thompson, Andrew Inch, Jonathan Barlow (STC); Matthew Godwin, Dominic Curry (Nexus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land south of Fellgate (LSoF) - public transport connectivity - Proposed new Metro station at Mill Lane, Hebburn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DC to investigate patronage / assess car park usage at Fellgate Metro car park

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DC to speak to a commercial officer at Nexus reading costing frequency of bus services - JB to share indicative, high-level sketch regarding accessibility to the LSoF site with the Spatial Planning team - JB to present AECOM report on proposed new Metro station at Mill Lane to Nexus and transport officers at Gateshead Council when it is finalised
<i>South Tyneside Council – Gateshead Council: Duty to cooperate</i>				
14.12.2023	STC – Gateshead Council planning liaison	Trevor Male, Andrew Inch, Matt Clifford, Deborah Lamb (STC) Neil Wilkinson, Chris Carr, Stuart Corker, Peter Shield (GMBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - South Tyneside Local Plan update - Gateshead Local Plan update - Wardley Colliery - Encouraging sustainable travel and improving road capacity - New Metro station at Mill Lane 	Follow up meeting to be scheduled for the new year to focus on the transport implications of the proposed Wardley Colliery allocation and also as an opportunity to discuss collaborative working between Gateshead and STC regarding the wider strategic highways implications of the proposed allocations in the South Tyneside Draft Local Plan.
<i>South Tyneside Council – Sunderland Council: Duty to cooperate</i>				
11.10.2023	STC – Sunderland Council planning liaison	Andrew Inch, Matt Clifford, Beverley Scanlon, Val Thompson (STC), Alan Rowan, Gary Baker (Sunderland City Council)	Land north of Town End Farm and planning for school places	AR and VT to undertake assessments on the basis of a 400 unit development with a mix of 12% 2-bedrooms, 52%

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				3-bedrooms and 36% 4-bedrooms.
3.8.2023	STC – Sunderland City Council planning liaison	Deborah Lamb, Rachel Cooper (STC); Gary Baker (Sunderland City Council)	- Land north of Town End Farm -The site may have more infrastructure impacts in Sunderland than South Tyneside - How developer contributions will be managed	- STC and SCC to check school admissions process with their respective education teams - GB to speak to SCC DM team regarding developer contributions and what would usually be required in terms of highways and HRA.
Update with Marine Management Organisation				
01.11.2023	Discussion with MMO	Deborah Lamb, Rachel Cooper (STC), Nicholas Mel, Amy Fielding (MMO)	- Discussed strengthening link between Local Plan and North East Marine Plan	Identified policies to review
27.9.2023	Update with Marine Management Organisation (MMO)	Deborah Lamb, Michelle Hogg, Peter Cunningham, Vick Smith, Andrew Inch, Garry Simmonette, Harry Alder (STC), Amy Fielding (MMO)	-Updates provided from the MMO and STC on Local Plan progress	AF to arrange consultation session with the Council
03.05.2023	Introductory meeting with Management Organisation (MMO)	Deborah Lamb, Michelle Hogg, Vick Smith, Laura Turvey Andrew Inch, Garry Simmonette (STC), Amy Fielding (MMO)	-Introductory meeting with new MMO contact. -Overview of MMO role -Overview of Local Plan	Arrange regular catch-up meetings
Natural England				
20.12.2023	Correspondence with Natural England	Deborah Lamb, Clare Rawcliffe (STC), Linnea Groot (NE)	- South Tyneside Local Plan HRA Mitigation Strategy	NE support for approach to HRA and visitor survey work
13.10.23	Coast Project Steering Group	Deborah Lamb, Clare Rawcliffe, Lauren Brooks (STC), Gary Baker, Tom Stephenson, Rebecca Larkin, Ian Graham (Sunderland City Council), Tom Charman, Linnea Groot (Natural England)	-Overview of Sunderland and South Tyneside coastal mitigation strategy -Update on Local Plan and HRA issues - Discussion on coastal HRA issues	- STC/NE further discussion on Local Plan HRA -Agree regular meetings

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12.10.2023	Correspondence with Natural England	Deborah Lamb, Clare Rawcliffe (STC), Linnea Groot (NE)	- South Tyneside Local Plan HRA Mitigation Strategy	N/a
20.12.2023	Correspondence with Natural England	Deborah Lamb, Clare Rawcliffe (STC), Linnea Groot (NE)	- South Tyneside Local Plan HRA Mitigation Strategy	Natural England support for STC approach to HRA studies.
<i>Health provision</i>				
27.9.2023	Update with NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board	Deborah Lamb, Andrew Inch, Matt Clifford (STC); Paul Irving (ICB); Christopher Roe (Turner & Townsend)	Primary health care provision and the Land South of Fellgate	PI to contact medical practices
10.8.2023	Update with NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board	Deborah Lamb, Andrew Inch, Matt Clifford (STC); Jamie Mitchell (ICB); Christopher Roe (Turner & Townsend)	Primary health care provision and the Land South of Fellgate	-To schedule further meeting
2.5.2023	Update with NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board	Deborah Lamb, Andrew Inch, Matt Clifford, Mary Fairfield, Christina Hardy (STC); Jo Farey (Integrated Care Board)	Developer contributions and health provision	N/a
<i>Update with Historic England</i>				
11.7.2023	Correspondence with Historic England	Lucy Routledge (STC) Henry Cumbers (Historic England)	Local Plan policies	HC provided some suggested amendments to policy wording.
23.6.2023	Correspondence with Historic England	Lucy Routledge (STC) Henry Cumbers (Historic England)	Local Plan policies	HC to look at draft policies and provide feedback.
<i>Sport England</i>				
21.06.2023	Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group meeting	Deborah Lamb, Charles Higgins, Neil Govett, Lee McGuigan (STC), Carolyn Wilkinson, (Sports Planning Consultants), Dave McGuire (Sport England), Richard Dixon (ECB) Chris Hutchinson (Durham FA), Paul Ashton (Football Foundation), Matt Coglán (RFU)	Discuss PPS findings and scenario testing	Agree to hold external discussions with National Governing Bodies not in attendance

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18.10.2022	Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group meeting	Deborah Lamb, Charles Higgins, Neil Govett (STC), Carolyn Wilkinson, (Sports Planning Consultants), Dave McGuire (Sport England), Laurie Haines (Lawn Tennis Association), Richard Dixon (ECB)	Report on summer sports findings	Progress the Playing Pitch Strategy
03.05.2022	Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group meeting	Deborah Lamb, Lousie Sloan (STC), Carolyn Wilkinson, Neil Allan (Tetra-Tech), Dave McGuire (Sport England), Laurie Haines (Lawn Tennis Association), Chris Hutchinson (Durham FA), Paul Ashton (Football Foundation), Matt Coglan (RFU), Jamie Plover (England Hockey)	-Introductory meeting, discussed scope	Progress the Playing Pitch Strategy. Agree to hold external discussions with National Governing Bodies not in attendance
<i>North East Heads of Planning Policy</i>				
30.11.23	NE Heads of Planning Policy	Deborah Lamb (STC), Gary Baker (SCC), Lynne Wright, Emma Warneford (Newcastle Council), Alex Conti (Middlesbrough Council); Martin Craddock (North Tyneside Council); Zoe Charge (Northumberland Council); Mike Allum (Durham Council); Helen Smith(Hartlepool Council); Neil Wilkinson (Gateshead Council), David Bage (Stockton Council), David Nelson (Darlington Council)	-Terms of Reference – to be agreed -LURB / Planning Reforms latest position -Local Plan proposals – changes in light of reforms -SPD and or Supplementary Plan proposals -Planning Skills Delivery Fund – joint training opportunities -NEMCA /TVCA workstreams -Issues for reporting to Heads of Planning -Sub-groups? - retail / town centres	-Terms of reference agreed -Consideration of setting up sub-groups for specific issues
5.9.2023	NE Heads of Planning Policy	Deborah Lamb (STC), Gary Baker (SCC), Lynne Wright,	- Best practice - Digital platforms	To agree the terms of reference


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		Emma Warneford (Newcastle Council), Alex Conti (Middlesbrough Council); Martin Craddock (North Tyneside Council); Zoe Charge (Northumberland Council); Mike Allum (Durham Council); Helen Smith(Hartlepool Council); Neil Wilkinson (Gateshead Council), David Bage (Stockton Council), David Nelson (Darlington Council)	- Terms of reference for the group	
13.6.2023	NE Heads of Planning Policy	Deborah Lamb (STC), Gary Baker (SCC), Lynne Wright, Emma Warneford (Newcastle Council), Alex Conti (Middlesbrough Council); Martin Craddock (North Tyneside Council); Rob Murfin (Northumberland Council); Mike Allum (Durham Council); Helen Smith(Hartlepool Council); Neil Wilkinson (Gateshead Council)	- Digital projects - Terms of reference for the group	- EM/NW to present work on digital projects at the next meeting - Zoe Charge to prepare terms of reference for the group - BNG training opportunity to be discussed at Heads of Planning
<i>North East Aggregates Working Party</i>				
10.11.2022	NE Aggregates Working Party	Rachel Cooper (STC); Claire Teasdale (Chair); Kevin Tipple (NEAWP Secretary/ Northumberland County Council); Christina Davey (DLUHC); Niamh Murphy (DLUHC); Susannah Bullya (Northumberland National Park Authority); Jack Freeman (Northumberland County	- DHLUC and Aggregates working party update - Annual survey and Annual report 2022 update - Local Aggregates Assessment Update - Industry updates - Mineral Planning Authority updates	-AWP members to provide feedback on draft annual AWP report - AWP members to provide feedback on draft LAAs

Date	Meeting	Attendees	Issues	Actions & Outcomes
		Council); Jason Mckewon (Durham County Council); David Nelson (Darlington Borough Council); Rebecca Ravelin (Gateshead Council); Jamie Simpson (Sunderland City Council); Helen Smith (Hartlepool Borough Council)		
28.06.2023	NE Aggregates Working Party	Rachel Cooper (STC); Claire Teasdale (Chair); Kevin Tipple (NEAWP Secretary/ Northumberland County Council); Laura Craddock (North Tyneside Council); Fiona Hurworth (Redcar and Cleveland Council); Jack Freeman (Northumberland County Council); Jason Mckewon (Durham County Council); Jason Mckewon (Durham County Council); Jamie Simpson (Sunderland City Council); Helen Smith (Hartlepool Borough Council); Mike Hodges (Hanson UK); Niall Kelly (Breedon and British Aggregates Association); Nick Horsley (Mineral Products Association); Geoff Storey (Aggregate Industries UK); John Carlon (British Aggregates Association)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DHLUC and Aggregates working party update - Annual survey and Annual report 2022 update - Local Aggregates Assessment Update - Industry updates - Mineral Planning Authority updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KT to progress annual survey data validation exercise and prepare draft report to circulate prior to next AWP meeting. - KT to continue progress on LAAs
<i>North East Minerals and Waste Planning Officers Group</i>				

Date	Meeting	Attendees	Issues	Actions & Outcomes
19.10.2022	North East Minerals and Waste Planning Officers Group	Deborah Lamb (STC); Rachel Cooper (STC); James Cook (Durham County Council); Jason Mckewon (Durham County Council); Claire Bradley (Durham County Council); Vicky Perkin (North Yorkshire County Council); Rachel Whaley (Cumbria County Council); Jamie Simpson (Sunderland City Council); Jack Freeman (Northumberland County Council); Chris Carr (Gateshead Borough Council); Luke Waterson (Newcastle City Council)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waste evidence base for the North East - Future Waste Capacity Study for North East - How are Local Plans responding to Climate Change/Climate Emergency - LA updates on Local Plans and Minerals and Waste planning applications. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RR to progress work on a brief for a new North East Waste Capacity Study
04.07.2023	North East Minerals and Waste Planning Officers Group	Deborah Lamb (STC); Rachel Cooper (STC); James Cook (Durham County Council); Jason Mckewon (Durham County Council); Claire Bradley (Durham County Council); Vicky Perkin (North Yorkshire County Council); Rachel Whaley (Cumbria County Council); Rebecca Ravelin (Gateshead Borough Council); Gary Baker (Sunderland City Council); Jack Freeman (Northumberland County Council); Luke Waterson (Newcastle City Council); Helen Smith (Hartlepool Borough Council); Fiona Hurworth (Redcar and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LPA approach to waste incineration - North East waste arisings and capacity study - Local Aggregates Assessment Update -LA updates on Local Plans and Minerals and Waste planning applications. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DCC will seek to coordinate a current position statement or interim note on need for residual waste treatment - RR to progress work on joint North East waste capacity study -KT to continue work on LAAs

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