



## ISSUES AND OPTIONS- ENVIRONMENT DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (DPD)

### Response Questionnaire

This form is to be used for commenting on the Environment DPD Issues and Options Report. It is advisable read the Issues and Options report prior to completing this questionnaire as the detail of the report elaborates upon topics and may alter your understanding and subsequent responses.

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## **THEME 1- Natural Environment** (planning policies on the protection and enhancement of the natural environment)

**How can we best protect and enhance international, national, regional and local sites?**

(Please tick one box)

<b>Option 1:</b> Provide a criteria-based policy to judge proposals for development on or affecting sites of regional and local biodiversity and geodiversity	
<b>Option 2:</b> Option 1 + include the identification of key sites/locations for the creation of new habitats and tree cover	

**Q1.** Is a separate criteria-based policy required for each local and regional designation type?

Yes  No

**Q2.** Should a criteria based policy be developed for ancient woodland?

Yes  No

**Q3.** What should the content be of the criteria-based policies?

**Q4.** Should policies seek to ensure that development is not detrimental to green infrastructure and where possible enhance it?

Yes  No

**Q5.** Core Strategy Policy CS10 identifies a commitment to improve various aspects of the natural environment. Should the Environment DPD contain detailed policies stating how this commitment will be delivered?

Yes  No

**Q6.** Should these documents (Tees Valley Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP), and the Stockton Green Infrastructure Strategy and Action Plan) provide the evidence base

for areas of habitat restoration and creation? Are there additional areas which should be considered?

Yes

No

**Q7.** Should the Environment DPD include a specific policy to protect and support the continued enhancement of the RSPB Saltholme 'nature reserve'?

Yes

No

**Q8.** Should the Environment DPD seek to include a specific policy which seeks to retain/incorporate significant locally important biodiversity or geological interest within the redevelopment of previously-developed sites?

Yes

No

**Q9.** Should the Environment DPD include a policy relating to the restoration of floodplains and natural watercourses in appropriate locations?

Yes

No

**Q10.** Should the Environment DPD include a policy to ensure that new development does not adversely impact air and water quality?

Yes

No

**THEME 2- Historic Environment** (policies on the conservation and, where appropriate, enhancement, of the built heritage within the Borough)

**How can we conserve and enhance the historic environment and heritage assets?**

(Please tick one box)

<b>Option 1:</b> Identify designated heritage assets and solely rely upon the development management policies within PPS5 for proposals affecting all aspects of the historic environment.	
<b>Option 2:</b> Option 1 + identify and provide policy to protect and enhance other heritage assets	
<b>Option 3:</b> Option 1 & 2 + include a policy relating to the Historic Landscape Assessment to ensure that development is sympathetic to that in the local area.	

**Q11.** Are there any other heritage assets which help characterise and define the Borough and which it is important to conserve in order to maintain its unique sense of place?

**Q12.** Is there merit in developing a heritage asset at risk register (whether they are designated or otherwise) and produce a local strategy for the historic environment to tackle these matters?

Yes  No

**How we review Article 4 directions?**

(Please tick one box)

<b>Option 1:</b> Do not alter the current Article 4 directions which are in place	
<b>Option 2:</b> Consider the need to extend the use of Article 4 directions	

**Q13.** Does the exercise of permitted development rights undermine the aims of the historic environment? If so in which specific areas?

Yes  No



## THEME 3- Rural Environment (policies on rural character and diversification)

### How can we manage development in the countryside?

(Please tick one box)

<b>Option 1:</b> Provision of topic specific policies for development within the countryside	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Option 2:</b> Option 1 + develop a policy approach which ensures that development is only allowed which is conducive with the 7 individual character areas outlined within the Landscape Character Assessment and Capacity Study.	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q14.** What should the topic specific policies seek to achieve?

**Q15.** Are there any other topic areas that require specific policies?

**Q16.** Should policies seek to ensure that development in the countryside is not detrimental to green infrastructure and where possible enhance it?

Yes  No

**Q17.** Is it appropriate for policy to restrict the residential re-use of buildings in the countryside to those associated with tier 1 and 2 villages except in exceptional circumstances?

Yes  No

**Q18.** Should this policy (option 2) seek to steer development away from the most sensitive landscape areas unless unavoidable?

Yes  No

**Q19.** Is there a need to identify and protect specific areas of the best and most versatile agricultural land from piecemeal development?

Yes  No



**THEME 4- Urban Open Space** (policies on the strategic management of green spaces throughout the Borough)

**How do we identify provision to be protected?**

(Please tick one box)

<b>Option 1:</b> Protect all open spaces	
<b>Option 2:</b> Protect open spaces of higher quality and value to the local community	
<b>Option 3:</b> Protect spaces that are of a particular conservation, historical or cultural value	
<b>Option 4:</b> Protect spaces that form part an essential part of the boroughs green infrastructure	
<b>Option 5:</b> A combination of options 2, 3 and 4	

**How do we identify provision to be enhanced?**

(Please tick one box)

<b>Option 1:</b> Focus to enhance higher value and lower quality spaces that are critical to avoid deficiency in a type of open space in the first instance	
<b>Option 2:</b> Enhance spaces that are of a particular conservation, historical or cultural value	
<b>Option 3:</b> Enhance spaces that form part an essential part of the boroughs green infrastructure	
<b>Option 4:</b> A combination of options 1, 2 and 3	

**How do we identify where new provision is required?**

(Please tick one box)

<b>Option 1:</b> Identify areas where there is a deficiency against quantity and proximity standards	
<b>Option 2:</b> Option 1 + assess the requirement for new provision associated with planned increases in population	

**How do we identify opportunities for new, enhanced or relocated provision?**

(Please tick one box)

<b>Option 1:</b> New provision as identified within the preceding section	
<b>Option 2:</b> Enhanced provision as identified within the preceding section	
<b>Option 3:</b> Relocated provision where this would make a better use of	

land, especially if it enhances the quality and accessibility to users	
<b>Option 4:</b> A combination of options 1, 2, and 3	

Should we identify potential development sites?

(Please tick one box)

<b>Option 1:</b> Do not seek to identify potential development sites	
<b>Option 2:</b> Seeks as a first priority to ensure that in an area where the provision of a type of open space has met provision standards the presumption should be to use part of that space for a type of provision to remedy deficiency in that area	
<b>Option 3:</b> Where option 2 has not been able to identify an opportunity for the creation of a valued type of open space, identify sites which are 'surplus to requirements' and deemed suitable for development	

**Q20.** Should the Environment DPD include policies which protect and support the delivery of the Tees Heritage Park and Portrack Marsh? What should these policies be specifically aiming to achieve?

Yes

No

Thank you for completing the Environment DPD Issues and Options response questionnaire. Your comments will assist in the creation of preferred option policies for the Borough

Signature:

Date:

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