

POLICIES AND PROPOSALS OF THE STOCKTON-ON-TEES LOCAL PLAN												
ASSESSMENT OF SUITABILITY FOR SAVED POLICIES / PROPOSALS												
SECTION: INTRODUCTION			Tests for Saved Policies (from PPS12 para 5.15)									
Policy No	Policy Title	Propose	1	2	3	4	5	6	Comments	Policy framework that will substitute for the policy if deleted.	The DPD that will contain the policy's replacement.	The DPD adoption date.
GP 1	Proposals for Development	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	The policy is generic and cross-cutting. This means that it has general utility across a number of Local Plan sections.	N/a	Core Strategy DPD1	June 2009.

SECTION: ENVIRONMENT			Tests for Saved Policies (from PPS12 para 5.15)									
Policy No	Policy Title	Propose	1	2	3	4	5	6	Comments	Policy framework that will substitute for the policy if deleted	The DPD that will contain the policy's replacement.	The DPD adoption date.
EN 1(a)	Sites of Special Scientific Interest	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Continuing protection of the local SSSI not within a designated European site	N/a	Environment DPD4	October 2010
EN 2	Local Nature Reserves (LNR)	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Continued protection of the LNR from inappropriate development.	N/a	Environment DPD4	October 2010
EN 4	Sites of Nature Conservation Importance (SNCI)	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Criteria based policy for locally designated sites not covered in national planning policy.	N/a	Environment DPD4	October 2010
EN 5	Land Adjoining North Tees Works	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Offers protection to the SNCI from development relating to policies IN 5 & IN 6	N/a	Environment DPD4	October 2010
EN 7	Special Landscape Areas	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	The policy is locally specific, and offers protection to local special landscape areas.	N/a	Environment DPD4	October 2010

EN 8	Ancient Woodland	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	N	This policy has a central strategy of protecting the Borough's ancient woodland, has regard to the community strategy in improving the environment, and is consistent with the RSS, though there is some repetition of policy (esp. PPS9).	N/a	Environment DPD4	October 2010
EN 9	Wynyard Park/ Historic Parks	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Policy also applies to Ropner Park, policy in line with national guidance and has an SPD link as well.	N/a	Environment DPD4	October 2010
EN 11	Cleveland Community Forest (now Tees Forest)	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Policy enables enhancement of the community forest through appropriate use of S106 agreements.	N/a	Environment DPD4	October 2010
EN 12	International Nature Reserve	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Policy linked to EN 1(a) concerning the SSSI area of an International Nature Reserve	N/a	Environment DPD4	October 2010
EN 13	Limits to Development	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Policy integral to the control of development within the Borough	N/a	Environment DPD4	October 2010
EN 14	Green Wedges	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Important policy that maintains the separation of communities within the built up area and improve the appearance of the Borough.	N/a	Environment DPD4	October 2010

EN 15	Urban Open Space	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Policy offers protection, and possibly enhancement, of open space within the Borough. It reflects both 'improving the environment' and people's 'quality of life' themes in the community strategy	N/a	Environment DPD4	October 2010
EN 16	Land allocation (Crosby Sarek)	Save	Y	N	N	N/a	Y	Y	Although this policy does not meet all the tests, it is purely a land allocation, and since there is no planning permission granted as yet, the policy should be retained.	N/a	Regeneration DPD2	August 2009
EN 17 (a) (b) (c) (d) (f)	Site Allocations (Mixed Use)	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Parts (a) and (d) – development not started. Part (c) – linked to an SPD Parts (b) and (f) – partially developed.	N/a	N/a	N/a
EN 20	Reuse of rural buildings	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Policy outlines in detail how the Borough's rural buildings should be converted, adapted, or reused.	N/a	Environment DPD4	October 2010
EN 22	Conservation Area boundary reviews	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	All conservation area policies to be retained as they are soon to be supported by an SPD.	N/a	N/a	N/a

EN 23	Conservation Area appraisals and management plans	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	All conservation area policies to be retained as they are soon to be supported by an SPD.	N/a	N/a	N/a
EN 24	New development in Conservation Areas	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	All conservation area policies to be retained as they are soon to be supported by an SPD.	N/a	N/a	N/a
EN 25	New development in Conservation Areas	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	All conservation area policies to be retained as they are soon to be supported by an SPD.	N/a	Environment DPD4	October 2010
EN 26	Listed Buildings	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	All conservation area policies to be retained as they are soon to be supported by an SPD.	N/a	Environment DPD4	October 2010
EN 27	Listed Buildings	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	All conservation area policies to be retained as they are soon to be supported by an SPD.	N/a	Environment DPD4	October 2010
EN 28	Listed Buildings	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	All conservation area policies to be retained as they are soon to be supported by an SPD.	N/a	Environment DPD4	October 2010
EN 29	Sites of Archaeological Interest	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	All conservation area policies to be retained as they are soon to be supported by an SPD.	N/a	Environment DPD4	October 2010

EN 30	Sites of Archaeological Interest	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	All conservation area policies to be retained as they are soon to be supported by an SPD.	N/a	Environment DPD4	October 2010
EN 36 (ii) (iii)	New Hazardous Development	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Criteria (i) is signposted by IN6 and IND7 but Development Control officers state that criteria (ii) and (iii) have significant continuing utility and that there is not an alternative policy framework that could substitute for it.	N/a	N/a	N/a
EN 37	Expansion of hazardous installations	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Development Control officers state that the policy has significant continuing utility and that there is not an alternative policy framework that could substitute for it.	N/a	N/a	N/a
EN 38	Residential development near a hazardous installation	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	N	N	As above.	PPS 23	N/a	N/a
EN 39	Industrial or commercial development near a hazardous installation	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	N	N	As above.	PPS 23 PPG 4	N/a	N/a

EN 40	Storage and use of hazardous substances	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	N	N	As above.	PPS 10	N/a	N/a
EN 42	Wind Turbines in the open countryside	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Retain this policy as it promotes renewable energy, supporting the government's current emphasis on this type of development.	N/a	Environment DPD4	October 2010

SECTION: INDUSTRY			Tests for Saved Policies (from PPS12 para 5.15)									
Policy No	Policy Title	Propose	1	2	3	4	5	6	Comments	Policy framework that will substitute for the policy if deleted.	The DPD that will contain the policy's replacement.	The DPD adoption date.
IN1	Business & General Industry.	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Policies cover the Borough's employment allocations & are therefore not a repetition of policy. Strategy involves maintaining supply of land to encourage investment. This strategy accords with draft RSS and the community strategy.	N/a	Regeneration DPD 2.	August 2009.
IN2	Allocations for general industry storage and distribution.	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y		N/a	Regeneration DPD 2.	August 2009.
IN3	Port Related	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y		N/a	Regeneration DPD 2.	August 2009.
IN4	Prestige Sites	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y		N/a	Regeneration DPD 2.	August 2009.
IN5	Potentially Polluting or Hazardous Industrial Uses	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y		N/a	Regeneration DPD 2.	August 2009.
IN6	Hazardous Installations	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y		N/a	Regeneration DPD 2.	August 2009.
IN7	ICI Process Plant.	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y		N/a	Regeneration DPD 2.	August 2009.

IN10	Alternative uses within existing / proposed industrial land.	Save	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	Y	Policy interprets guidance and provides criteria as to when other uses are appropriate. Links all other tests are tenuous.	N/a	N/a	N/a
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SECTION: HOUSING			Tests for Saved Policies (from PPS12 para 5.15)									
Policy No	Policy Title	Propose	1	2	3	4	5	6	Comments	Policy framework that will substitute for the policy if deleted.	The DPD that will contain the policy's replacement.	The DPD adoption date.
H0 3	Development on Unallocated Sites	Save	Y	N	N	N/a	N/a	Y	The policy passes test 1. There is a clear central strategy of guiding development to within development limits. The policy fails test 3 It is not in conformity with the priority given in Policy 3 of the emerging Regional Spatial Strategy to previously-developed sites and buildings. However, experience has shown that the Council's Development Control service are able to implement this policy with full regard to this aspect of more recent national guidance (PPG3) and the emerging RSS.	N/a	Regeneration DPD2	August 2009

H0 3 (cont)									It is therefore, considered that it should be retained as the alternative would be a policy vacuum which would be unacceptable.			
H0 4	Affordable Housing	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	The policy passes test 1. There is a clear central strategy of meeting the need for affordable housing. The policy also passes test 2. "Increase the supply of affordable housing" is a key performance target in the Community Strategy.	N/a	Regeneration DPD2	August 2009
H0 6	Residential Conversions	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	The policy passes test 1. There is a clear central strategy of guiding development to within development limits. The policy also passes test 3 as it is in conformity with the priority given in Policy 3 of the emerging Regional Spatial Strategy to previously-developed sites and buildings.	N/a	Regeneration DPD2	August 2009
H0 8	Housing for Special Needs	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	N/a	Y	The policy passes test 1. There is a clear central strategy of focussing this new care homes in residential areas that are accessible to local services.	N/a	Regeneration DPD2	August 2009

H0 8 (cont)									<p>The policy passes test 2. <i>Improving housing and support for vulnerable and older people</i> is a sub-theme of the <i>Improving housing quality and choice</i> theme in the Community Strategy</p> <p>The policy requires updating as special needs is a broader policy area than residential institutions. For example, the policy does not encourage developers to construct dwellings to the "Lifetime Homes" standards developed by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation Lifetime Homes Group.</p>			
H0 11	Design and Layout	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	<p>The policy sets out the criteria for the design and layout of new residential development. The policy passes test 1. It relates to Objective 4 of the Local Plan (To ensure a high standard of building design in new and extended dwellings).</p>	N/a	Core Strategy DPD1	June 2009

H0 11 (cont)									<p>The policy passes test 2. <i>Improve the quality of the built environment</i> is a sub-theme of the <i>Sustainable Neighbourhoods</i> theme in the Community Strategy the Community Strategy. The policy passes test 3. Policy 9 – <i>Protecting and Enhancing The Environment</i> in the emerging RSS promotes a high quality of design in all development In addition Development Control officers have identified the policy as frequently used and therefore, still highly relevant. It should be retained.</p>			
H0 12	Extensions and Other Domestic Development	Save	Y	Y	Y	NA	Y	Y	<p>The policy passes test 1. It relates to Objective 4 of the Local Plan (To ensure a high standard of building design in new and extended dwellings). The policy passes test 2. <i>Improve the quality of the built environment</i> is a sub-theme of the <i>Sustainable Neighbourhoods</i> theme in the Community Strategy.</p>	N/a	Core Strategy DPD1	June 2009

H0 13	Extensions for Dependant Relatives	Save	Y	Y	Y	NA	Y	Y	The policy passes test 1. It relates to Objective 4 of the Local Plan (To ensure a high standard of building design in new and extended dwellings).	N/a	Core Strategy DPD1	June 2009
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SECTION: COMMUNITY AND EDUCATION FACILITIES			Tests for Saved Policies (from PPS12 para 5.15)									
Policy No	Policy Title	Propose	1	2	3	4	5	6	Comments	Policy framework that will substitute for the policy if deleted.	The DPD that will contain the policy's replacement.	The DPD adoption date.
COMM1 (b) (d)	Childcare	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Allocation of sites for childcare. Allocations (b) and (d) have still to be implemented.	N/a	N/a	N/a
COMM4	Yarm Social Centre	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Support for the replacement of Yarm Social Centre – still to be implemented.	N/a	N/a	N/a
ED4	Teesdale University site	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Allocation of site – still partially outstanding	N/a	N/a	N/a

SECTION: RECREATION			Tests for Saved Policies (from PPS12 para 5.15)									
Policy No	Policy Title	Propose	1	2	3	4	5	6	Comments	Policy framework that will substitute for the policy if deleted.	The DPD that will contain the policy's replacement.	The DPD adoption date.
REC 1	Outdoor playing space	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Policy protects identified playing spaces from inappropriate development. The tests are unique to this policy and develop the advice of National Policy further by introducing these specific tests. Maintaining a local supply of playing space is essential in encouraging healthy and green local environments with a sense of place – protecting these sites is important.	N/a	Environment DPD4	October 2010
REC 8	Tees and Leven country park	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Policy designates a site for a country park to encourage leisure and recreation and access to open space and the countryside and the river. It has not been implemented yet and should be retained to encourage such development.	N/a	Environment DPD4	October 2010

REC 11	Designated footpaths	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	The policy identifies a number of key footpath routes across the Borough and sets out the commitment to improve these routes. The footpath routes provide opportunities for a healthy lifestyle, access to the countryside and the river, and for leisure and recreation. Although many improvements have been made, there is always scope for further improvements and therefore the policy should be retained	N/a	Environment DPD4	October 2010
REC 13	Cable ski course	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	The policy identifies a site for a cable ski course. This has not been implemented, but will provide access to the river and promote the use of the river as a tourist attraction and access to leisure and recreation.	N/a	N/a	N/a
REC 16	Marina	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Policy identifies a site for a marina which will assist in regenerating riverside sites, and also in promoting the river as a place for recreation and leisure. Marina has not been implemented yet, so Policy should remain.	N/a	N/a	N/a
REC 17 (a) (c) (e) (g) (h)	Public landing points	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Policy identifies sites for landing points which will assist in regenerating riverside sites, and also in promoting the river as a place for recreation and leisure.	N/a	N/a	N/a

REC 17 (a) (c) (e) (g) (h) (cont)									Some sites have been completed, but some have not. Therefore it is proposed to delete (b), (d), (f), (i), and keep (a), (c), (e), (g) (h).			
REC 18 (a)	Slipways	Save	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Y	Policy identifies sites for slipways which will assist in regenerating riverside sites, and also in promoting the river as a place for recreation and leisure. Some sites have been completed, but some have not. Therefore it is proposed to keep (a) and delete (b)	N/a	N/a	N/a
REC 19	New slipways	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	N	Policy sets the tests for new slipways and encourages regeneration of riverside sites and use of the river for leisure and recreation. Test (i) repeats Policy GP1, but the remaining tests are unique to this policy and should be retained.	This edited policy should be used in conjunction with Policy GP1.	Environment DPD4	October 2010
REC 20	New footpaths and cycle routes	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Policy allocates new cycle routes promoting sustainable travel and recreation routes. Some work has begun on these routes but work has yet to be completed, and therefore the commitment should remain in the Local Plan.	N/a	N/a	N/a
REC 21	New bridges	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	This policy allocates sites for new bridges. None have been implemented but will improve access to the river, promote walking and cycling when they are implemented.	N/a	N/a	N/a

SECTION: TRANSPORT			Tests for Saved Policies (from PPS12 para 5.15)									
Policy No	Policy Title	Propose	1	2	3	4	5	6	Comments	Policy framework that will substitute for the policy if deleted.	The DPD that will contain the policy's replacement.	The DPD adoption date.
TR1 (b)	Pedestrian bridges	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	The policy identifies two sites for pedestrian bridges to promote sustainable traffic between key regeneration sites. Teesdale Bridge has an extant planning permission but this has still to be implemented. Part (b) of the policy should therefore, be retained.	N/a	Regeneration DPD2	June 2009
TR4	New cycle routes	Save				N/a			The policy identifies new cycle and footpath routes, some of which have been implemented. It is proposed to keep those that have not been implemented as the promotion of cycling and walking is central to a sustainable environment. Delete (b), (c), (d), (g), (h), (i), (j), and keep (a), (e), (f).	N/a	N/a	N/a
TR8	Light rail or bus way transport corridors	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	Policy safeguards land for public transport corridor development which will reduce the need to travel by private car and allow access to services and facilities for all.	N/a	N/a	N/a

TR8 (cont)									Routes have not been implemented yet			
TR11	Safeguarding rail corridors	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	The policy requires the safeguarding of railway corridors to facilitate more sustainable transport of goods and passengers. This reduces the reliance on private cars and promotes sustainable transport.	N/a	N/a	N/a
TR12 (b)	Trunk road improvements	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	The policy identifies some trunk Roads that are to be improved. One of the two schemes has been implemented and therefore it should be deleted, but the commitment to the other one should remain (part (b) of the policy). Although the use of cars should be discouraged, the improvements to the A66 Longnewton interchange are to provide a safer junction and better access to the airport for economic growth.	N/a	N/a	N/a
TR13 (a) (d)	Highway improvements	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	The policy identifies some trunk Roads that are to be improved. Two of the four schemes have been implemented and therefore they should be deleted, but the commitment to the other two should remain	N/a	N/a	N/a

TR13 (a) (d) (cont)									Although the use of cars should be discouraged the proposed Thornaby Bypass is an essential relief road to ease congestion on the A19 main road, and the A178 Seal Sands road is an essential freight corridor for growth of Teesport and the petrochemical industries at Seal Sands.			
TR15	Highway design	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	This policy sets out the Council's standards for highway design, and underpins the Design Standards Document used in determining planning applications. It requires new roads etc to conform in order to ensure pedestrian and vehicular safety, as well as constructional standards to maintain a high quality built environment. Therefore this policy is very important and should be kept.	N/a	Regeneration DPD2	June 2009
TR16	Private parking in Stockton town centre	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	This policy prohibits the development of private car parks in Stockton centre in order to make the best use of land, to discourage the use of the private car and to promote public transport, and also to encourage better urban realm. Therefore it is useful in creating a sense of place.	N/a	Regeneration DPD2	June 2009

TR18	Yarm town centre parking	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	This policy allows development in Yarm District Centre to provide sub-standard parking spaces in return for a commuted sum. This promotes more sustainable development in a busy centre, reduces the impact of numerous cars on the historic qualities of the Conservation Area, and reduces congestion in the centre. It is an important policy and should be retained.	N/a	N/a	N/a
TR19	Safeguarding a rail link to Seal Sands	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	The Seal Sands rail link is intended to facilitate the growth of the port which will provide economic benefits to the Borough and indeed the region. It is essential that this line be protected.	N/a	N/a	N/a
TR20	Safeguarding railway sidings	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	The policy requires the safeguarding of railway sidings to facilitate more sustainable transport of goods. This reduces the reliance on road transport and promotes sustainable transport. It also provides greater choice in choosing employment sites for investors.	N/a	Regeneration DPD2	June 2009

TR21	Employment uses at Teesside Airport	Save	Y	Y	Y	N/a	Y	Y	The employment uses at Teesside Airport provide choice of sites for investors, allowing the airport to grow as a transport hub. However, in order to remain a sustainable development, the types of use should be limited to airport related use. While this is set out in the RSS panel report, the RSS has not itself identified this and therefore the policy should remain.	N/a	Regeneration DPD2	June 2009
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