

South Tyneside Council's Draft Local Plan

Policy Context

1. South Tyneside Council has recently consulted on a draft Local Plan. This is the first of two consultations, in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Town and County Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012.
2. The draft Local Plan would guide development within South Tyneside to 2039, and replace the existing Core Strategy and Development Management Policies, adopted in 2007 and 2011 respectively.
3. The Local Plan sets out South Tyneside's approach to planning for housing and economic growth, as well as including policies for the protection of Green Belt land, the natural environment and trees. The draft Plan also includes a section on addressing and adapting to climate change.
4. Gateshead Council's proposed response raises a number of cross-boundary issues, including supply of employment land, flooding, and minerals safeguarding.

Background

5. The consultation offered opportunity to comment on the proposed Plan and policies. The Council's draft responses are provided in the attached annex.

Consultation

6. The Leader, Deputy Leader and Environment and Transport Portfolio have consulted on this report.

Alternative options

7. There are no alternative options.

Implications of Recommendation

8. **Resources:**
 - a. **Financial Implications** – The Strategic Director, Resources and Digital confirms there are no financial implications arising from this report.
 - b. **Human Resources Implications** – There are no human resource implications arising from this report.
 - c. **Property Implications** - There are no direct property implications arising from this report.

9. **Risk Management Implication** – No risks associated with the consultation.
10. **Equality and Diversity Implications** – No equality and diversity implications,
11. **Crime and Disorder Implications** – No crime implications.
12. **Health Implications** – No health implications.
13. **Climate Emergency and Sustainability Implications** – No climate emergency and sustainability implications.
14. **Human Rights Implications** - None.
15. **Ward Implications** – The South Tyneside Local Plan could potentially have implications for Gateshead, although close cooperation between Councils and adhering to the duty to co-operate should resolve any issues.

Gateshead Council's Consultation Response

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to comment on South Tyneside Council's Draft Local Plan. As neighbouring local authorities, cooperation on strategic cross-boundary issues can positively influence sustainable patterns of development in Gateshead and South Tyneside.

The following response is subject to approval by Cabinet.

Section	Comment
General comment	<p>Gateshead Council welcome the opportunity to comment on South Tyneside's draft Local Plan. 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.</p> <p>We look forward to continuing to work together under the Duty to Cooperate.</p>
Spatial Strategy/Strategic Objective 1	<p>Proposals to remove land from the Green Belt to facilitate economic/employment development in South Tyneside should be well evidenced and should not prejudice development of employment land within Gateshead.</p>
Policy SP6: Fellgate Sustainable Growth Area	<p>Consideration should be given to the integrated water management of the River Don catchment, taking account of the River Don Vision and collaborative working within the River Don Catchment Partnership.</p> <p>There may be potential for further collaborative working to identify nature-based solutions to manage the cumulative impact of new development within the catchment in terms of: sustainable drainage systems, flood management, improving water quality, enhancing biodiversity and improving the watercourse environment.</p>
Policy SP14: Employment Land for General Economic Development	<p>The Draft Local Plan proposes to remove land from the Green Belt at Wardley Colliery and allocate it for general economic development in order to address the identified undersupply of general employment sites within the borough.</p>

	There may be other planning issues relating to this proposed site allocation in relation to the Green Belt, Transport, and Ecology.
Policy 24: Safeguarding land at CEMEX Jarrow Aggregates Wharf	The safeguarding of Jarrow Aggregates Wharf is supported. The site is of strategic importance in supplying river sand and gravel to the wider area, which is recognised in the supporting text.