

Delegated Decision

15 September 2020



**Making Spaces for Growing Places
(MSGP) Gateshead Council -
Consultation on SCHEDULE OF
PROPOSED MAIN MODIFICATIONS**

Ordinary Decision

**Report of Regeneration, Economy and Growth
Stuart Timmiss Head of Development & Housing**

Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide

Purpose of the Report

- 1 This report considers the consultation by Gateshead Council on the schedule of proposed main modifications for their Making Spaces for Growing Places which was submitted as Part 3 of the Local Plan and examined in public between 30 September and the 11 October 2019.

Executive Summary

- 2 Gateshead Council submitted Part 3 of their Local Plan, Making Spaces for Growing Places (MSGP) to the Secretary of State on the 12th April 2019. An independent Planning Inspector was appointed to consider the soundness of the Plan. Public hearing sessions for the MSGP took place between the 30th September and 11th October 2019, following these hearing session and submission of additional information requested by the Inspector, proposed main modifications to the MSGP have been drafted. The proposed main modifications are subject to consultation up until the 18th September 2020.
- 3 Durham County Council has previously considered and responded upon each successive stage of consultation with Gateshead Council on the development of the Local Plan. Having considered the proposed main modifications, council officers are satisfied that there is no need for the Council to make any specific comments due to the majority of modifications being concerned with improving consistency, ensuring effectiveness and demonstrating justification.

Recommendation

- 4 It is recommended that Gateshead Council is advised that the council does not have any specific comments to make at this time on the proposed main modifications. The draft letter in Appendix 2 of this report is endorsed as the council's response.

Background

- 5 Gateshead Council is consulting on proposed main modifications to Part 3 of their Local Plan, Making Spaces and Growing Places which following previous consultation. The council has considered each successive stage of the Local Plan's preparation and submitted comment as necessary.
- 6 The council has responded to the previous stages of consultation regarding the Making Spaces and Growing Places document in 2017 and 2018. The council has not submitted objections to the document at any stage of the development process, however, the opportunity has been taken to help shape and develop policy and strategy with regards to cross boundary issues such as waste and minerals, transport, public transport and bio-diversity. The approach taken by Gateshead Council was recognised to be broadly consistent with the approach of the emerging County Durham Plan and as such gave no cause for any objection. In line with normal practice, there was a recognition of the need to continue with discussions concerning any future cross boundary issues as part of our respective Duty to Cooperate responsibilities.

Consultation on proposed main modifications

- 7 Following the examination in public and the Inspectors request for additional information, Gateshead Council has proposed a number of main modifications. The vast majority of proposed modifications are to make the document sound through making policies effective and justified, in addition to ensuring consistency with national policy.
- 8 The proposals also see the introduction of a new policy on Aircraft Safety and the safeguarding of aerodromes, this is not viewed as a concern to County Durham and indeed the County Durham Plan includes a similar policy and dialogue has been undertaken with airports in the area who have not objected. Another change sees the removal of a policy on housing density to ensure the MSGP is justified, effective or consistent with national policy. Similarly, the proposed policy for targeted and recruitment and training has been recommended for deletion for the same reasons.

Conclusion

- 9 The consultation documents published by Gateshead Council have been considered and it is considered that it is not necessary for the Council to make specific comment upon them.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

Part of our respective Duty to Cooperate responsibilities.

Finance

None

Consultation

The documents are being consulted upon in accordance with Gateshead Council's Statement of Community Involvement.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

None

Human Rights

None

Crime and Disorder

None

Staffing

None

Accommodation

None

Risk

None

Procurement

None

Appendix 2: Draft Response to Northumberland Local Plan Examination - Consultation on additional evidence – July 2020

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Dear Lucy / Chris,

Duty to Co-operate – Gateshead Council, Making Spaces for Growing Places - Consultation on main modifications

Thank you, once again for consulting Durham County Council on your Council's work to prepare the Making Spaces for Growing Spaces document. Having previously considered the provisions of the Making Spaces for Growing Places proposed main modifications, the Council is supportive of the work. However, having considered the nature and contents of the consultation documents, the Council does not consider it necessary to make any specific comments to the proposed main modifications as they do not have or raise any cross-boundary implications which have not already been considered in our previous responses on 2017 and 2018. As such, we do not believe the proposed main modifications will have any adverse impact on the environment or amenity of local communities in County Durham.

The Council looks forward to continuing to work with Gateshead Council on planning matters of joint interest under the Duty to Cooperate.

I trust that these comments are useful to you in progressing the Making Spaces for Growing Places document. Should you wish to discuss the matter further please do not hesitate to contact myself or a member of my team.

Yours sincerely

Stuart Timmiss
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