

## HARTLEPOOL RURAL PLAN



### Summary of Responses to Consultation on Vision, Aims, Objectives and Site Options

| Section Vision   |  |
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| Section Sub heading  |  |
| Support 95 (105 including Q7)  | Objection 9  |
| Comment  | Response   |
| Maintain village identity by <b>maintaining green wedge</b> (105)  |  |
| <b>No more building houses</b> in or near the villages (7)   |  |
| Word changes for vision – add: 'to sustain communities'; with emphasis on “rural”; add: 'whether vision is to see population (both residents and businesses) as being static or growing' (3) | Add to bullet 3<br>Rural already addressed in vision<br>Population addressed in policies |
| We don't have 'strong links' with Hartlepool – a failing authority and dying town (2)  | Delete 'strong'  |
| Remove links with Hartlepool and seek affiliation with County Durham (1)   | Noted  |
| Not strong links between Greatham and other villages (1)   | Delete 'strong'  |
| Treat Greatham as a village, not an extension of the Fens (1)  | Noted. NP seeks to maintain village identity   |
| Why ask us, you don't take any notice, everything is cut and dried for what you want, not the people (1)   | Noted  |

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| <b>Section Aims</b>  |                                  |
| <b>Section Sub heading</b> (a) promote development of an appropriate scale and design that will enhance our built environment and provide housing suited to our population.  |                                  |
| <b>Support</b> 90  | <b>Objection</b> 15              |
| <b>Comment</b>   | <b>Response</b>                  |
| <b>No more development needed</b> (6)  | Noted                            |
| Add: 'To protect the area from ad hoc building/development outside recognised boundary' Be more specific about protecting the villages from encroachment; retain village identity by maintaining green wedge between each village and town (2) | Addressed in policies            |
| Need measured targets – promote a clear plan of population size anticipated within rural neighbourhood over the next 15 years (2)  | Addressed in policies            |
| Restrict housing development - no new build permitted until conversion of existing buildings is completed; any new build should be restricted to 2 new homes of any size, per year (1)   | Not permissible<br>Not practical |
| 'Appropriate scale and design' needs to be quantified (1)  | Addressed in policy              |
| Needs clarification – could say: “Provide housing suited to our population” (1)  | Already covered                  |
| If current population is around 7,000 then 1% growth is 70 people and equates to 30 houses approx, so 450 new houses in 15 years is not unreasonable; evenly spread across the villages (2)  | Noted                            |
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| <b>Section Sub heading</b> (b) Promote the local economy by encouraging business and employment opportunities.   |                                  |
| <b>Support</b> 104   | <b>Objection</b> 1               |
| <b>Comment</b>   | <b>Response</b>                  |
| No extra shops needed, if you don't increase the population of the village you don't need more (1)   | Noted                            |
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| <b>Section Sub heading</b> (c) promote social development and seek to safeguard and enhance community facilities and open spaces to support health and well-being for everyone's benefit. |   |
| <b>Support</b> 104  | <b>Objection</b> 1  |
| <b>Comment</b>  | <b>Response</b>   |
| Promote activities and opportunities for children, young people and the elderly to participate in community and rural development e.g. leisure options that relate to the environment (1) | Noted   |
| Keep local doctors' surgeries open (1)  | No surgeries in plan area   |
| Strongly object to small green areas being used inside the village, e.g. opposite Station Road (Greatham); essence of a village is open spaces of greenery within it. (1).                | Currently used for grazing – outline planning permission for 29 houses    |
| Mention village schools (1)   | A community facility – policy includes                                    |
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| <b>Section Sub heading</b> (d) support measures to improve public transport, highway safety and to improve accessibility for non-car users to the countryside.                            |   |
| <b>Support</b> 105  | <b>Objection</b>  |
| <b>Comment</b>  | <b>Response</b>   |
| <b>Need for improved public transport service</b> , (especially for Dalton Piercy & Elwick) (4)   | Noted   |
| No access to bus to Middlesbrough, Sunderland, Newcastle etc (1)  | Noted   |
| Villages need footpaths connecting them to town (1)   | Add to policy - links from Elwick & Dalton Piercy villages to urban area. |
| <b>Support</b> 102  | <b>Objection</b> 3  |
| <b>Comment</b>  | <b>Response</b>   |
| Wind farms and solar energy farms are an eyesore, do not meet the challenge and are in direct conflict with aims (a) and (e) (2)  | Noted   |
| There is no viable renewable and low CO2 available and I would question the degree of climate change (1)  | Noted   |
| This area has enough waste to energy plants, each area of the country should deal with their own (1)  | Noted   |

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| NR: No specific comments for Aims (e) and (f)   | Noted  |
| <b>Section</b> Housing Objectives   |  |
| <b>Section Sub heading</b> (a) To support the development of a limited amount of new housing within settlements to meet the needs of local communities. |  |
| <b>Support</b> 78   | <b>Objection</b> 29  |
| <b>Comment</b>  | <b>Response</b>  |
| <b>Limit/stop development</b> in the area and <b>limit development outside village boundaries unless strategic.</b> (25)                                | Addressed in policy  |
| <b>Use brown field sites first</b> before new green field development allowed (4)   | Noted  |
| Not without support services including transport, enough school places for children who live in the village. (1)  | Noted  |
| In order to sustain current communities and community facilities (1)  | Noted  |
| Just improve existing housing when and where required (1)   | Not practical  |
| Green areas around villages should be protected (1)   | Addressed in policy  |
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| <b>Section Sub heading</b> (b) To support the development of a mix of house types, sizes and tenures.   |  |
| <b>Support</b> 105  | <b>Objection</b> 2   |
| <b>Comment</b>  | <b>Response</b>  |
| <b>Include policy on affordable housing</b> (2)   | Addressed in policy  |
| Provide more housing suitable for retired people and affordable homes for first-time buyers (1)   | SHMA published in new year<br>Local assessment to be made for each village |
| Must be detached properties only so as not to reduce the standing of the village (1)  | Further evidence required on types of houses                               |
| Add: 'To positively encourage new housing that meets the needs of families with young children rather than the needs of retired people.' (Greatham) (1) | Further evidence required on types of houses                               |
| Mix of house types, no higher than two storeys and 2-bed bungalows (1)  | Further evidence required on types of houses                               |
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| <b>Section Sub heading (c)</b> In exceptional circumstances, to support the development of new housing in the countryside.  |   |
| <b>Support</b> 99   | <b>Objection</b> 8  |
| <b>Comment</b>  | <b>Response</b>   |
| <b>Remove (c) altogether</b> (6)  | NPPF sets out requirement to identify exceptional circumstances |
| <b>What are exceptional circumstances/too open to commit to</b> (2)   | Addressed in policy   |
| Build infill in villages, don't extend them (1)   | Will depend on availability of sites                            |
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| <b>Section Sub heading (d)</b> To recognise the distinctive character of each village and encourage high-quality design to enhance the character and identity of the villages.  |   |
| <b>Support</b> 107  | <b>Objection</b> 0  |
| <b>Comment</b>  | <b>Response</b>   |
| Maintain unique character of rural areas by challenging over development by housing companies (1)   | Addressed in policy   |
| Conservation area status holds us back and achieves nothing (1)   | They recognise importance of historic character of villages     |
| As long as the houses fit in with houses already there (1)  | Addressed in policy   |
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| <b>Section Sub heading (e)</b> To seek to ensure that any new developments on the edge of Hartlepool in the Plan area are developed in an appropriate form with strong peripheral landscaping to enhance the character of the rural area. |   |
| <b>Support</b> 103  | <b>Objection</b> 4  |
| <b>Comment</b>  | <b>Response</b>   |
| <b>Maintain green wedges/landscaping</b> (14)   | Addressed in policy   |
| Not support ANY development on the edge of Hartlepool that would lead to an increase in traffic flowing through the village; regenerate the town centre first. (2)  | Addresses in policy   |
| <b>Large new developments should not be built close to an existing village</b> as eventually the areas will be merged and the village will disappear. (2)   | Addressed in policy   |
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| <b>Other comments</b>   |   |
| Build a new village   | Being considered as part of Hartlepool urban extension          |
| Remove the threat of Gypsy sites before considering any new build.  | No sites to be identified in Neighbourhood Plan                 |

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| <b>Possible sites/types housing identified</b>  |   |
| Dalton Piercy: none (3); starter/retirement properties (2);   | Further assessment of local housing need to be undertaken |
| Elwick: North Farm (4); in-fill only (1), none (1); retirement homes/bungalows/cottages (10) starter homes (4), lower priced 2-bed houses (3); a few large houses (2);  | Further assessment of local housing need to be undertaken |
| Greatham: None (3); Station Road (3); Grove House Nursery (1); Mellanby Lane (1 for 1 against); between school and playing field (1); old factory site (1)<br>Affordable housing for younger people to buy (3), private bungalows (6), private family houses (7) all (2)        | Further assessment of local housing need to be undertaken |
| Hart: None (6), The Glebe (1), rear of Raby Arms (1); Retirement housing (8), 2/3 bed starter homes (3), Executive (1)  | Further assessment of local housing need to be undertaken |
| Newton Bewley: none (2), Blue Bells Public House (1); in-fill only, bear in mind pylons to south and west of village (1); Mixed (1), semi (1) family homes (1)  | Further assessment of local housing need to be undertaken |
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| <b>Section Rural Economy Objectives</b>   |   |
| <b>Section Sub heading</b> (a) To enhance the rural area as a good place to work from for businesses serving the rural community and for people wishing to work from home through the provision of high quality communications and ease of access to the regional road network. |   |
| <b>Support 104</b>  | <b>Objection 0</b>  |
| <b>Comment</b>  | <b>Response</b>   |
| Need <b>better high speed broadband</b> (5); specific targets for implementation of broadband (1), <b>and other technologies available to urban area</b> (1)  | Addressed in policy, awaiting implementation by BT        |
| <b>Add: 'rural community and beyond'</b> (1)  | Delete "serving the rural community" from RE Objective 1  |
| <b>Improve infrastructure</b> to meet needs of extra population (4); Need better access from A689 to A19 (1) improvements to A19 to accommodate ever increasing volume of traffic (2)   | Addressed in policy                                       |
| <b>Cycle ways</b> needed (3); need safe cycle ways on regional road network (1)   | Addressed in policy                                       |
| Stop large lorries from using rural roads (1)   | Highways authority responsibility                         |

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| <b>Public transport links are vital to aid business and residential development and provide means of social integration (2)</b>  | Addressed in policy                                      |
| <b>Improve roads and footpaths (2)</b>   | Addressed in policy                                      |
| <b>Section Sub heading (b)</b> To encourage the reuse of redundant buildings for appropriate economic uses, particularly where this use helps support agriculture.                       |  |
| <b>Support 104</b>   | <b>Objection 0</b>                                       |
| <b>Comment</b>   | <b>Response</b>  |
| <b>Add ‘cottage industries such as artisan craft shops, craft work, high tech and home produce’ to create employment for villagers (5);</b> co-operative craft areas within villages (1) | Too specific   |
| Develop under-used/redundant farm yards and outbuildings rather than developing on green land (3)  | Addressed in policy                                      |
| <b>Section Sub heading (c)</b> To support sustainable development that will encourage visitors to the rural area, especially that which relates to the protection of the environment.    |  |
| <b>Support 104</b>   | <b>Objection 0</b>                                       |
| <b>Comment</b>   | <b>Response</b>  |
| <b>Any development should not detract from the attractiveness of the surrounding countryside/green wedges (6)</b>  | Addressed in policy                                      |
| Encourage <b>outdoor tourism</b> by <b>creating walkways and cycle paths (5)</b>   | Addressed in policy                                      |
| Promote agriculture and activities related to rural community (2)  | Add “agricultural and other” business to RE Objective 1  |
| Keep industrial development away from the villages, but with easy access to main roads (2); too many empty factory sites at Queens Meadow (1)  | Noted  |
| Promote local history to encourage tourism (1)   | Add “historic and natural environment” to RE Objective 3 |
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| <b>Section Sub heading</b> (d) To seek to retain shops, public houses and other businesses that serve the local community.   |  |
| <b>Support</b> 103   | <b>Objection 1</b>   |
| <b>Comment</b>   | <b>Response</b>  |
| <b>Public houses</b> struggling (2), Too many public houses (1), Public houses should not be allowed to affect the livelihood and well-being of neighbouring houses (1)                        | Addressed in policy  |
| New buildings for 'tourism' need to be managed (1)   | Noted  |
| <b>Change to: 'seek to retain existing shops'....</b> (2) ; remove change of use and permitted development rights on all such buildings (2)  | Noted. Not practical   |
| Farm shops/cafes are successful in other areas just off A19 (1)  | Noted  |
| No more supermarkets (1) no large businesses in rural area (1)   | Noted  |
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| <b>Other comments:</b>   |  |
| Open airport and promote flights from this region (1)  | Not appropriate for Neighbourhood Plan   |
| Rubbish lorries should be covered before leaving the 'tip' to reduce pollution along roadsides in the rural area (1)   | Referred to Hartlepool Borough Council   |
| Grants to small business (1)   | Not within plan remit  |
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| <b>Use of former industrial site at Greatham</b>   |  |
| <b>Nature reserve</b> (18) Visitor centre for visitors to wetlands (3) Tourist attraction/Displays about environment, sea defences, wildlife, archaeological information and local history (2) | Discuss with R.S.P.B.<br>Policy to be developed to address the future of this opportunity site |
| <b>Housing</b> (10) No housing (1)   | Site is close to heavy industry and is considered to be not suitable for housing               |
| New business/factory site (6) Industrial but problem of traffic congestion on A689 (1)   | Noted  |
| Parkland for family use (4)  | Associated with wildlife site  |
| Terminus for public transport/re-opened Greatham station (4)   | Addressed in policy  |
| Return to agriculture (3)  | Noted  |
| Solar energy farm (3)  | Addressed in policy  |
| Gypsy site (2)   | Not suitable   |



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| Sports facility (2) Bike park (1)  | Noted  |
| Retirement village with rail stop (2)  | Site is close to heavy industry and is considered to be not suitable for housing |
| Garden centre (1)  | Noted  |
| Builders Merchant (1)  | Noted  |
| Park Homes (1)   | Site is close to heavy industry and is considered to be not suitable for housing |
| Hospital (1)   | Not practical  |
| School (1)   | Not practical  |
| Covered market (1)   | Not practical  |
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| <b>Section</b> Transport Objectives  |  |
| <b>Section Sub heading</b> (a) To maintain and upgrade the east/west road links to improve accessibility and accommodate the projected increase in traffic movements to and from the urban area. |  |
| <b>Support</b>   | <b>Objection</b>   |
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| <b>Comment</b>   | <b>Response</b>  |
| <b>Improve road maintenance in rural areas</b> (13)  | Not in scope of plan   |
| <b>Improve A179/A19 junction/roundabout</b> (Sheraton) to dual carriage-way (5) traffic lights needed at junction with A19 and at Raby Arms (4)  | Addressed in policy  |
| Improve top junction at Hart onto A179 (1) upgrade Hart By-pass (1)  | Addressed in policy  |
| Newton Bewley <b>By-pass</b> (5) Elwick By-pass (3) Some by-passes to link villages (1)  | Noted  |
| Upgrade Hart Moor Road to take traffic to A19 away from Elwick (2)   | Addressed in policy  |
| No new roads from urban area leading to increased traffic flow through villages (3)  | Noted  |
| <b>Traffic lights on A689 turn off to Dalton Piercy</b> (1)  | Addressed in policy  |
| Upgrade Catcote Road (open it up to A689) creating a western through road (1)  | Not in plan area   |
| No western by-pass (1)   | Noted  |

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| Better access to A19 (1) A19 access made safe (1)   | Addressed in policy   |
| <b>NB:</b> death of Wolviston due to 'road improvements' to A689 (1)  | Noted   |
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| <b>Section Sub heading (b)</b> To encourage traffic management measures to ensure the safety and well-being of those that live, work and visit the rural area.  |   |
| <b>Support</b>  | <b>Objection</b>  |
| <b>Comment</b>  | <b>Response</b>   |
| <b>Block A19 crossing</b> at Elwick & Dalton Piercy to avoid further deaths (7)   | Hartlepool Borough Council traffic & highway policy regarding traffic calming |
| Current <b>speed limits</b> in villages & on A19 ignored/not controlled (6)   | Hartlepool Borough Council traffic & highway policy regarding traffic calming |
| <b>Speed bumps &amp; cameras needed in Elwick</b> (5) traffic 'rumblers' needed on approach to Hart roundabout on A179 from A19 (1) Avoid the misery of 'road bumps' (1)  | Hartlepool Borough Council traffic & highway policy regarding traffic calming |
| <b>Traffic survey in villages en route from Hartlepool westbound to A19</b> , over 24hrs & over long period, before allowing any new build (1)  | Hartlepool Borough Council traffic & highway policy regarding traffic calming |
| <b>Traffic calming measures for A19</b> (1) and A689 at NB (down to 40mph) (2)  | Hartlepool Borough Council traffic & highway policy regarding traffic calming |
| One-way closure of Church Bank in Elwick (1) close Church Bank except access (1);   | Hartlepool Borough Council traffic & highway policy regarding traffic calming |
| Narrow the road from Elwick to Hartlepool to discourage use (1)   | Hartlepool Borough Council traffic & highway policy regarding traffic calming |
| More roundabouts, fewer traffic lights! (1)   | Hartlepool Borough Council traffic & highway policy regarding traffic calming |
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| <b>Section Sub heading (c)</b> To facilitate improvements to public transport, both rail and bus services, and voluntary transport schemes to serve all rural communities in view of the changing population and the increasing number of older residents without cars. |   |
| <b>Support</b>  | <b>Objection</b>  |
| <b>Comment</b>  | <b>Response</b>   |
| <b>Improved public transport (bus services) amongst the villages</b> (6)  | Noted   |
| Better rail connections (1)   | Addressed in policy   |
| Danger of HBC using volunteer-run bus service to cut even more services (1)   | Not role of plan  |

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| Pedestrian/cycle, horse bridge over A19 (so public transport may be accessed near-side). (1) No footbridge over A689 at NB (1)   | Addressed in policy   |
| <b>Section Sub heading</b> (d) To enhance the public rights of way network and encourage the development of new routes to improve linkages and accessibility between the villages.   |   |
| <b>Support</b>   | <b>Objection</b>  |
| <b>Comment</b>   | <b>Response</b>   |
| Footpaths to be upgraded to bridleways/cycle routes for safe cycling through rural areas (4) <b>develop/improve cycle routes</b> along public rights of way network (12); better upkeep of cycle paths (2)   | Addressed in policy   |
| <b>Footpaths need to be better maintained/clear of growth for disabled access (16) more footpaths and bridleways needed (4) more accessible (2) need seats occasionally (2) gates easier to open and be maintained (1) new footpath beside Blue bells at NB to Billingham, and at Marsh House lane railway station to link Cowpen Bewley park and network of paths west of Greatham to Saltholme (1)</b> | To be discussed with Hartlepool Borough Council regarding maintenance & signage |
| <b>Better signage/on-line maps</b> for walkers or cyclists to avoid trespass (12) encourage responsible use of rights of way/animals on leads/keep to the path/take litter home (3)  | To be discussed with Hartlepool Borough Council regarding maintenance & signage |
| <b>Footpaths/cycle ways alongside all roads into Hartlepool from villages (6)</b>  | Addressed in policy   |
| Punishment for vandals and litter louts (1) more litter/dog bins needed (3)  | Not role of plan  |
| Not too many rights of way please, rural areas are farming businesses (1)  | Noted   |
| <b>Would Use Greatham or Hart Station (G:9 H:1)</b>  |   |
| <b>Support 26</b>  | <b>Objection 29</b>   |
| <b>Comment</b>   | <b>Response</b>   |
| Unlikely as it would be quicker to use Hartlepool (1)  | Noted   |
| Only if free car parking provided (6)  | Noted   |
| Park & Ride at Greatham (1)  | Addressed in policy   |
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| <b>Section</b> Community Objectives  |  |
| <b>Section Sub heading</b> (a) To safeguard and improve the existing schools, community halls, play areas, sports and recreation areas, allotments and open spaces.  |  |
| <b>Support</b>   | <b>Objection</b>   |
| <b>Comment</b>   | <b>Response</b>  |
| Funding needed for <b>maintenance/improvements to existing community buildings</b> (49) and facilities (5) use what exists don't build new, needing expensive maintenance in future (1)  | Highlighted need for improvements to Dalton Piercy Village Hall and Greatham Community centre. Addressed in policy |
| <b>All open spaces, sports fields and playgrounds to be better managed and maintained</b> (10) <b>Improve open spaces for walks and recreation in villages and provide seating</b> (4); <b>make open spaces free of dog fouling</b> (4); green open spaces need to be kept for future generations for family leisure, just because one lives in a village, doesn't mean one has access to open space (1); improve activities for young families (2) bowling green with facilities (1) no shooting near homes (1) | Noted<br>Safeguarding and improvements to be addressed in policy   |
| <b>Transfer ownership of all community assets to trusts</b> , with covenants, held locally, to prevent future sale for housing (4) Transfer management of the Batts to TVWT (1)  | Noted  |
| Transport of children into <b>village schools</b> increasing problem of traffic in villages (3) School at Hart needs playground equipment (2) school parking needed (2) and gardens (1) Access to school places already compromised by urban sprawl (1) school access for community projects (1)   | Noted  |
| <b>Playground equipment</b> in villages updated (2) <b>playground needed</b> in Dalton Piercy (2) and on Sports Field at Greatham (1) Hart <b>play area – for pre-schoolers</b> , as meeting point for community (2)   | Noted<br>Need for play area in Dalton Piercy and community open space at Hart to be explored further               |
| <b>Car parking</b> at Elwick church (2)  | Noted, to be explored further  |
| Improvements to incorporate activities for 'tweens' and teens – <b>youth club</b> (2)  | Noted  |
| <b>Community allotments needed in some villages</b> (3) allotments in Greatham need better management (2) Greatham Hospital tenants to keep allotment fires small to avoid smoke and pollution nuisance (1) allotments – kept as allotments (1)  | Noted<br>Maintenance issued to be raised with Greatham Hospital Estate   |
| Reduce vandalism (Greatham) (1)  | Not in plan scope  |
| Chat cafes for communities (1) Elwick doesn't have a village hall (only WI hall) (1)   | Noted  |

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| Keep all village schools/churches open – don't just build larger elsewhere (1)   | Noted   |
| New railings round green at Greatham (1)   | Maintenance issue   |
| Plant hedgerows/trees along public footpaths along A179 (1)  | Not practical   |
| Village pavements to be developed/ better maintained (1)   | To be raised with Hartlepool Borough Council and included in policy |
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| <b>Section</b> Community Objectives  |   |
| <b>Section Sub heading</b> (b) To ensure that new housing development in the rural area contributes to the improvement of community facilities and open spaces to meet the needs of future residents.                            |   |
| <b>Support</b> 96  | <b>Objection</b> 10   |
| <b>Comment</b>   | <b>Response</b>   |
| <b>No need for more housing</b> (11); The expansion of new housing development would be detrimental to community facilities and would inevitable decrease access to spaces. (1) in-fill only might help community facilities (1) | Noted   |
| Ring fence any 'planning gain' for use in the rural area, not by Hartlepool for urban re-development (1)   | Addressed in policy   |
| <b>Other comments:</b>   |   |
| More river/lake walks  | Not practical   |
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| <b>Section</b> Natural Environment Objectives  |   |
| <b>Section Sub heading</b> (a) To protect and enhance areas of environmental importance for nature conservation and geology.   |   |
| <b>Support</b> 99  | <b>Objection</b> 5  |
| <b>Comment</b>   | <b>Response</b>   |
| <b>Wildlife corridors are 'key'</b> (1)  | Addressed in policy   |
| <b>We need legally enshrined green wedges to protect all villages with immediate</b>   | Green gaps in policy  |

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| <b>effect (1)</b>   |                           |
| Villages can become centres of excellence for the promotion of sustainable rural development (1)  | Noted                     |
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| <b>Section Sub heading (b)</b> To support the enhancement of the biodiversity potential of the rural area as a whole, with woodlands and wildlife corridors (particularly along river and stream corridors, roadside verges, rights of way, sports and recreation areas and hedgerows). |                           |
| <b>Support</b>  | <b>Objection</b>          |
| <b>Comment</b>  | <b>Response</b>           |
| Council need to do more to remove diseased trees in a timely manner (1)   | Noted                     |
| Roadside verges in North Lane, Elwick are a disgrace and are used as a human dustbin and not maintained (1)   | Not in scope of plan      |
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| <b>Section Sub heading (c)</b> To safeguard and enhance the landscape character of the rural area through the planting of trees and restoration of hedgerows.   |                           |
| <b>Support</b>  | <b>Objection</b>          |
| <b>Comment</b>  | <b>Response</b>           |
| Incorporate protection for existing hedgerows and trees from developers and homeowners, and enforce (1)   | T.P.O.s where appropriate |
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| <b>Section Sub heading (d)</b> To support small-scale energy schemes.   |                           |
| <b>Support</b>  | <b>Objection 1</b>        |
| <b>Comment</b>  | <b>Response</b>           |
| No large <b>wind turbines/wind farms</b> near village, do not produce enough power to benefit village – <b>an eyesore and not cost effective</b> (2) Waste of capital (1)   | Noted                     |
| Ensure schemes do not detract from heritage assets (1)  | Noted                     |
| Teesside full of renewable energy schemes - are taking waste from other areas. (1)  | Noted                     |
| Avoid unsightly solar panels (1)  | Noted                     |
| Why restrict to small-scale? (1)  | Noted                     |
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| <b>Types of energy scheme supported:</b>  |                           |
| Solar (26) Restrict solar energy to roof insulation (1)   | Noted                     |

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| Wind turbines (15) No more turbines (9)   | Noted  |
| All (4) None – they are not viable (6)  | Noted  |
| Nuclear power station (3) No nuclear power (1)  | Noted  |
| Wave power (3)  | Noted  |
| Fracking (1)  | Noted  |
| Underground heat pumps (for schools and other public buildings) (4) ground source heat/air recovery hybrid is feasible – small scale only (2)                     | Noted  |
| Green lighting for wildlife sites (1)   | Noted  |
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| <b>How should the Plan encourage the improvement of natural habitats and woodland in the area?</b>  |  |
| <b>Comments</b>   |  |
| <b>Maintenance &amp; proper management</b> plans developed/keep becks/rivers and surrounding areas clean, keep clear of fly tipping (18) Monitor, use Rangers (1) | Noted –refer to Hartlepool Borough Council for actions |
| <b>Identifying and naming</b> places of particular interest – improvements and conservation more visual – <b>information boards, websites etc</b> (8)             | Addressed in policy                                    |
| <b>Don't build or 'develop' anywhere near them</b> (7) By building in small developments (1) Get rid of houses (1)  | Noted  |
| <b>Better public access</b> (3) make clear paths round areas leaving wildlife in peace (2)  | Noted  |
| Encourage ownership through <b>volunteering</b> (2)   | Noted  |
| Increase native woodland tree planting (2)  | Noted  |
| Introduce native species to the area, ones that would thrive in this environment (1)  | Noted  |
| Establish a bird sanctuary (1) plant for birds (1)  | Noted  |
| Plan agreed with local residents (1)  | Noted  |
| Create wildlife area and park on old Cerebos site (1)   | Noted  |
| No wind turbines on Hart Bog (1)  | Noted  |
| Control access – no shooting of wildlife, guns should be banned (1)   | Noted  |
| Avoid industrial pollution (1)  | Noted  |
| Link various sites for benefit of wildlife and residents (1)  | Noted  |
| Stop cutting grass verges so short that soil is exposed and subject to erosion (1)  | Noted  |

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| Use Section 106 from any development to create new habitat, in liaison with local nature conservation groups (1)   | Noted                                      |
| Stop proposing Gypsy sites or rubbish dumps anywhere near them (1)   | No sites identified in Neighbourhood Plan  |
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| <b>Section Built Environment Objectives</b>  |  |
| <b>Section Sub heading</b> (a) Ensure the distinctive character of each village is safeguarded and enhanced.   |  |
| <b>Support</b> 99  | <b>Objection</b> 6                         |
| <b>Comment</b>   | <b>Response</b>                            |
| No new builds in or near villages (2)  | Not practical                              |
| Only if strictly adhered to (1)  | Noted                                      |
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| <b>Section Sub heading</b> (b) Safeguard and preserve our heritage assets, including listed buildings and locally important buildings, scheduled monuments and archaeological sites. |  |
| <b>Support</b>   | <b>Objection</b>                           |
| <b>Comment</b>   | <b>Response</b>                            |
| A lot of detail in the Plan is open to interpretation and down to personal opinion (1)   | <b>Plan will include detailed policies</b> |
| Listed buildings and conservation areas simply hold back progress, let people do what they want (1)  | Noted                                      |
| Would like to see this implemented (1)   | Noted                                      |
| Don't wait until village halls close! (1)  | Noted                                      |
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| <b>Section Sub heading</b> (c) Take opportunities to enhance our heritage assets.  |  |
| <b>Support</b>   | <b>Objection</b>                           |
| <b>Comment</b>   | <b>Response</b>                            |
| I think clear lines must be drawn between Council and communities (1)  | Noted                                      |



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| <b>Section Sub heading</b> (d) Ensure that any new buildings respect the character of the specific village and reflect the guidance in the respective village design statement and conservation area appraisal.  |   |
| <b>Support</b>   | <b>Objection</b>  |
| <b>Comment</b>   | <b>Response</b>   |
| Too inflexible (1)   | Noted   |
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| <b>Other comments:</b>   |   |
| Declare Hart a conservation area (1)   | Tried previously unsuccessfully – diverse and modern development of village |
| Ban UVPC from conservation areas (1)   | Noted   |
| Take all planning and built environment control away from Hartlepool Council and delegate to Parish Councils, under guidance of Durham County Council. In the interim, while the transfer of power and assets is undertaken, Hartlepool Council should be placed into 'Special Measures' or an Emergency Local Plan enacted. (1) | Beyond scope of neighbourhood plan  |
| You (HBC) only do what you want and never listen to the people (1)   | Rural plan led by Parish Councils not HBC                                   |
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## Responses from Organisations and Businesses

| Respondent       | Topic   | Summary of response  | Comment  |
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| Natural England  | Aims and Objectives   | Revised wording proposed to better reflect NE objectives   | Amended as proposed  |
| Natural England  | Housing Sites   | Sites should be selected with lower nature cons value. SEA to include assessment of sensitivity of sites   | Noted  |
| Natural England  | Expansion of Hartlepool                                     | Farmland important for birds many of which are at risk. Loss of habitat and disturbance should be considered in selecting sites.   | Sites to be selected in Hartlepool Local Plan. Design policy to be included in plan that will promote wildlife corridors and habitat creation. |
| Natural England  | Network of ecological sites / habitats                      | NP should promote an ecological network of sites/habitats is created, protected and enhanced. See Hartlepool Green Infrastructure Plan. Allocations should be accompanied with policies that ensure that development contributes to delivery of multifunctional benefits of green space                                    | To be addressed in policy  |
| Natural England  | Protection and enhancement of designated sites and habitats | Robust policies should be included that ensure that harm is not normally permitted to designated sites. Policies should ensure that development include appropriate measures to protect, enhance and create priority habitats. Consider opportunities to include features to enhance wildlife in development eg bat boxes. | To be addressed in policy  |
| Natural England  | Further advice  | List of sources of information and advice  | Noted  |
| English Heritage | Aims and Objectives   | Important to safeguard heritage assets in plan area and distinctive landscape character  | Noted  |
| English Heritage | Aims and Objectives   | Supports objective to maintain distinctive character of villages and promote high quality design and reuse of redundant buildings  | Noted  |
| English Heritage | Further advice  | List of sources of information and advice  | Noted  |
| Tees Archaeology | Aim (c)   | Supports   | Noted  |
| Tees Archaeology | Housing Objective   | Include reference to maintain the separateness of villages. Important to retain open countryside between settlements.  | Addressed in policy  |
| Tees Archaeology | Housing Sites   | Archaeological issues should be considered in assessment of sites  | Addressed in policy  |
| Tees Archaeology | Rural economy Objectives                                    | Supports RE obj 2 on reuse of redundant buildings  | Noted  |
| Tees Archaeology | RHM site  | RHM site at Greatham requires an archaeological survey to assess   | Addressed in policy  |

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|                       |                            | whether adjacent archaeological sites extends beneath   |                    |
| Tees Archaeology      | Rights of Way              | Wishes to see continued improvement to Rights of way around Tees Estuary  | Noted              |
| Tees Archaeology      | Built Env Objectives       | Supports Objective (b) to safeguard and preserve heritage assets  | Noted              |
| Tees Archaeology      | Nat Env Objectives         | Supports  | Noted              |
| Tees Valley Unlimited | Vision and Aims            | Aligns with Tees Valley Strategic Economic Plan to attract and growing local businesses and providing better employment opportunities | Noted              |
| Tees Valley Unlimited | Rural economy Objectives   | Supports  | Noted              |
| Tees Valley Unlimited | Rural Transport objectives | Align with SEP and Tees Valley Rural Community Council  | Noted              |
| Tees Valley Unlimited | Nat Env Objectives         | Support   | Noted              |
| Tees Valley Unlimited | Community Objectives       | Support   | Noted              |
| Thirteen Group        | Vision and Aims            | Supports  | Noted              |
| Thirteen Group        | Housing Objectives         | Supports  | Noted              |
| Thirteen Group        | Housing No                 | Between 150 and 250 homes   | Noted              |
| Thirteen Group        | Housing Sites              | Prefers Site adj Raby Arms at Hart  | Noted              |
| Thirteen Group        | Hartlepool Expansion       | Should delivery housing to meet identified need and be of good design quality   | Noted              |
| Thirteen Group        | Transport Objectives       | Support. Should be sufficient to service new development  | Noted              |
| Thirteen Group        | Community Objectives       | Support   | Noted              |
| Thirteen Group        | Nat Env Objectives         | Support. Use S106 money to improve biodiversity sites   | Noted              |
| Thirteen Group        | Renewable energy           | Use any that are appropriate to the development   | Noted              |
| Thirteen Group        | Built Env Objectives       | Supports  | Noted              |
| Ian Bond, HBC         | Vision                     | Perhaps just a couple of words such as ".. retains its rural character  | Included in vision |

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| Ecologist  |                           | and environmental assets.."   |   |
| Ian Bond, HBC Ecologist  | Aim f)                    | Add "promote the improvement and linkage of biodiversity habitats."   | See advice from Natural England                                 |
| Ian Bond, HBC Ecologist  | Improve Biodiversity      | One option is to require new development to provide measures to contribute towards biodiversity.  | Noted   |
| Ian Bond, HBC Ecologist  | Renewable energy          | I think we are at saturation point with full size wind turbines in the rural plan area.   | Noted   |
| Chris Scaife, Countryside Access Officer                         | Vision                    | "... of the rural community and its environment."   | Included in vision  |
| Chris Scaife, Countryside Access Officer                         | Hartlepool Expansion      | "...and landscaping and environment of the expansion area."   | Included in policy  |
| Chris Scaife, Countryside Access Officer                         | Rural Economy Objectives  | c) "...of the environment and the surrounding countryside."   | Included  |
| Chris Scaife, Countryside Access Officer                         | Transport Objectives      | d) "...accessibility between the villages and the Town."  | Included  |
| Chris Scaife, Countryside Access Officer                         | Renewable energy          | Suggest we outline the different types of renewable energy that are available.  | Addressed in policy   |
| Sarah Scarr, HBC Landscape Planning and Conservation Team Leader | Housing Sites             | On the housing sites, I don't know if it would be possible for the group to rank the preferred development sites as some of the sites are better than others i.e. in Hart I would have concerns about the setting of the Church in developing the field to the north of Voltigeur Dr therefore I would prefer it if this was the last site developed over the others. In Greatham I would have concerns about the impact of houses on the Conservation Area in the garden of 15 High Street, the others do seem to be fine. | Noted. Further consideration to be given in assessment of sites |
| Sarah Scarr, HBC Landscape Planning and Conservation Team Leader | Built Heritage Objectives | Support   | Noted.  |
| Persimmon Homes  | Vision                    | Proposes that the vision should refer to "the local community" rather than the "rural community" so as to be inclusive of future residents  | Noted, no change the plan is focused on the                     |

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|                 |  | who will reside in the urban expansion area.  | needs of the community in the rural area.  |
| Persimmon Homes | Aim a)                                     | Suggests it should be reworded to read "...to provide housing to meet the identified current and future needs of the area."   | Amend to include "current and future needs of..."  |
| Persimmon Homes | Housing Objective 1                        | Suggests it should be reworded to read "to support the development of an appropriate level of new housing development commensurate with existing settlements to meet the current and future needs of local communities."  | Amend to include "current and future needs of..."  |
| Persimmon Homes | Housing Numbers                            | <p>Recommends that the NP group liaises with HBC to agree a justifiable level of residential development within the rural area to provide a solid evidence base that would stand up to scrutiny eg through the SHMA.</p> <p>Would be disappointed if NP failed to take a proactive approach to the designation of suitable and sustainable housing sites commensurate with the scale and character of the existing settlement in the plan area.</p> | Discussions with HBC staff underway. Evidence from updated SHMA will be used in preparation of the NP.   |
| Persimmon Homes | Housing Sites                              | Persimmon has interests in the SW extension of Hartlepool, North Farm, Elwick (including land to the north east of the farmstead),  | Noted  |
| Persimmon Homes | Housing Mix                                | Unless as site is specifically included in the plan for executive housing, then a mix of housing should be provided.  | Noted  |
| Persimmon Homes | Hartlepool Expansion and Design Principles | <p>Rather than have a specific design related policy to strategic extensions, the NP may look to include a set of design related principles that govern all development to ensure that the character and appearance of the local area is maintained and respected. It is essential that the principles are realistic and deliverable.</p> <p>Persimmon would be happy to comment on any principles proposed.</p>                                    | <p>In view of the scale of development proposed in the NP area on the edge of Hartlepool in the Local Plan and through planning applications, it is considered appropriate to include a policy to help shape the design and layout for any proposals.</p> <p>Local design guidance will be set out in Village Design Guides.</p> |
| Persimmon Homes | Rural Economy Objectives                   | Strongly support Obj D  | Noted  |
| Persimmon Homes | Road improvements                          | Potential impact of new development should be assessed prior to determination of planning applications and an appropriate scheme to mitigate the impact of the development should be agreed.  | Noted  |
| Persimmon Homes | Community Objectives                       | Agrees with objectives but would strongly oppose a policy in the NP which prescribes what each development must contribute to.  | Noted  |

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|  |                            | Persimmon would recommend a flexible approach where the impacts of development on local infrastructure and community facilities are assessed on a case by case basis in accordance with NPPF.   |   |
| National Farmers Union                           | Vision and objectives      | Wishes to see the NP consider the need to strengthen and diversify farming businesses; to create thriving localities that meet the needs of communities, businesses and the environment; realising the value of environmental assets; provision of affordable housing for the next generation; developing renewable energy to meet the needs of the farm and appropriate to the location and access to broadband. | The policies will address the importance of farming businesses in the rural area, their diversification, development of tourism and renewable energy. |
| National Farmers Union                           | Housing Objectives         | Concerns about objectives c) and d)   | Noted   |
| National Farmers Union                           | Rural Economy Objectives   | Supports  | Noted   |
| National Farmers Union                           | Transport Objectives       | Concern that Objective d) on public rights of way doesn't disadvantage farmers. Negotiate with landowners.  | Noted   |
| National Farmers Union                           | Community Objectives       | Clarify "incidental open space". There is concern about open access on private land.  | Sites will be marked on map   |
| National Farmers Union                           | Nat Env Objectives         | Should be in partnership with landowners.   | Noted   |
| National Farmers Union                           | Built Env objectives       | Concern that requirements for good design do not impact on business needs.  | Noted   |
| Hartlepool Archaeological and Historical Society | Aims                       | Include reference to archaeology in aim f)  | Historic environment included in aim e)   |
| Hartlepool Archaeological and Historical Society | Housing Objectives         | Supports  | Noted   |
| Hartlepool Archaeological and Historical Society | Housing Numbers            | 150 - 250   | Noted   |
| Hartlepool Archaeological and                    | Hartlepool Urban expansion | Most new housing is too cramped. Allow more space for cottage gardens   | Noted   |

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| Historical Society                               |                       |   |   |
| Hartlepool Archaeological and Historical Society | Rural Env Obj         | Supports. Suggests craft industries   | Noted   |
| Hartlepool Archaeological and Historical Society | Transport Obj         | Supports. Improved access to village would support tea rooms etc<br>Improved signage on rights of way   | Noted   |
| Hartlepool Archaeological and Historical Society | Community Objectives  | Does not support. Suggests greater understanding of village's past.   | Noted   |
| Hartlepool Archaeological and Historical Society | Nat Env Obj           | Archaeological areas should be safeguarded<br>Better woodland management  | Archaeology included in Built Environment section |
| Stockton BC                                      | Vision and Objectives | This Council welcomes the intention to produce a neighbourhood plan for the area and supports the vision, aims and objectives set out in the consultation. I can confirm that the approach does not conflict with any adopted or emerging policies in the Council's development plan. | Noted   |
| Northumbrian Water                               | Objectives            | Give consideration to sustainable surface water management solutions, to separate, minimise and control priorities. Additionally would like to see guidance in the plan to reduce the amount of surface water discharge to the public sewerage network                                | Added to Design Policy                            |
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