



Newark and Sherwood Amended Core Strategy DPD

MATTER 18 – CORE POLICY 12

**Statement on behalf of Newark and
Sherwood District Council**

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Question 18: Is the course taken by Core Policy 12 too restrictive?

- 18.01 The course taken by Core Policy 12 is appropriate and is in line with national policy. Supporting documents are referred to in the text of the policy and the justification, and Core Policy 12 is also supported by Policy DM7 (CS/O5) and the Landscape Character Assessment SPD (ENV/O5).
- 18.02 The seven bullet points from the policy in the Adopted Core Strategy (CS) (CS/04) are unchanged apart from the removal of a now unnecessary reference to the Allocations & Development Management DPD (CS/O5) which has since been adopted. The Planning Advisory Service Core Strategy Review (CS/25) considered that bullet points 1 to 4 are in conformity with NPPF paragraph 109 that refers to contribution to and enhancement of the natural and local environment. Bullet points 3, 5 and 7 are in conformity with the first bullet point of NPPF paragraph 114 that refers to the setting out of a strategic approach in local plans. Bullet point 6 is in conformity with the second bullet point of NPPF paragraph 109 to recognise the wider benefits of ecosystems and the third bullet point of paragraph 28 that supports sustainable rural tourism and leisure developments which respects the character of the countryside.
- 18.03 An eighth bullet point has been added to seek to address the potential impacts of new development on air quality in the Sherwood Area. In particular it is important to ensure that the level of nitrogen deposition from any new development affecting the SAC does not exceed the threshold for significant effects. This is not intended to restrict development unnecessarily, but to ensure that impacts are acceptable, particularly upon the Birklands and Bilhaugh Special Area of Conservation (SAC).
- 18.04 The new bullet point was added following consultation with Natural England [Representor 005] during the production of the Habitats Regulations Re-screening Document and as a result of consultation during the Preferred Approach Strategy stage (HRA/01). The Habitats Regulations Re-screening Document (HRA/01) concluded that the projected amount of nitrogen deposition from the proposed new development when considered alone and in combination with other proposals will be below the relevant threshold.