



**Newark and Sherwood Amended Core
Strategy DPD**

**MATTER 23 – Area Policy SoAP 1 – (Student
Accommodation)**

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

January 2018

Question 23: Would it be appropriate to amend Policy SoAP1 (Role and Setting of Southwell) to reflect the opportunities inherent in additional student accommodation?

23.00 The Council confirms that it would be appropriate to amend Area Policy SoAP2 – (Brackenhurst Campus – Nottingham Trent University) to reflect the opportunities inherent in additional student accommodation.

23.01 A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) (EMP/02) has been drawn up between Nottingham Trent University and Newark and Sherwood District Council with the primary purpose to support an enabling framework for responsive change and adaptation within the Brackenhurst Campus at Southwell. Area Policy SoAP2 of the Core Strategy CS (CS/01-02) has been amended to reflect the MoU.

23.02 Nottingham Trent University [Representor 003] has made representation providing support for the amended policy SoAP2 subject to modification of the wording at bullet point 1 to take into consideration the development of student accommodation that can demonstrate clear and positive opportunities for growth and assist in meeting the objectives more effectively for securing mixed and balanced communities and ensuring Southwell is a sustainable place to live and work.

23.03 Within the MoU it is estimated that student numbers will increase from 1000 to 1700 by 2019 and that 150 additional bed spaces will be required. Reference is made to the fact that students are likely to remain in on site accommodation in years 2 and 3 and that off- site accommodation is scarce and unsuitable. Taking into consideration the existing safe guards relating to the setting of Southwell provided within policy set out below:

- C/S -SoAP1 – Role and setting of Southwell - that seeks to protect and enhance the existing historic character and environment of Southwell;
- C/S – SoaP2 – Brackenhurst Campus – Bullet Point 3 – ‘Ensure that new development does not detrimentally affect the setting of the Campus or the town of Southwell’ and;
- A&DM DPD (CS/05) –So/PV – Southwell Protected Views – that seeks to protect views of and across the principal heritage assets of the Minster, Holy Trinity Church, Archbishop’s Palace and Thurgaton Hundred Workhouse including the view cones identified on the Policies Map.

23.04 The Council agrees with the recommendation made by [Representor 003] and proposes a main modification (MM/0011) to the wording of bullet point 1 of SoAP2 as follows:

‘Support the development of new educational and research facilities and additional student accommodation at the Brackenhurst Campus