



**Newark and Sherwood Amended Core
Strategy DPD**

**MATTER 3 – SPATIAL VISION & STRATEGIC
OBJECTIVES**

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

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Question 3: Are the Spatial Vision and Strategic Objectives sound?

3.01 The primary purpose of the Plan Review process has been to ensure that the overall approach of the Core Strategy and the policy and proposals contained within it (and the Allocations & Development Management DPD) continue to be appropriate and deliver sustainable development in Newark & Sherwood. The starting point for this is a reappraisal of the current situation in the District as evidenced through the updating of the various elements of the evidence base, which in turn have steered the process of review.

3.02 The Spatial Portrait in the Amended Core Strategy [CS/01-02] sets out an updated context of the District and this feeds through into the Spatial Vision for the District which seeks to set a positive framework for growth. Carter Jonas o/b/o Noble Food [Representor 030] set out that they do not believe that the Vision and Objectives adequately address issues in the district and state “For the Spatial Vision to be ‘sound’ it should

- Recognise the need to tackle unemployment, the decline in the working population and deprivation particularly in the former coal mining communities;
- Acknowledge the need to provide affordable housing and diversify the housing market.”

3.03 A dictionary definition of the word vision states that “a mental image of what the future will or could be like” and indeed this is how the vision contained within the Amended Core Strategy (CS/01-02) is written; it sets out to address the Key Issues and Challenges which are identified in the Spatial Portrait section. Set out below is the key issue and challenge and the element of the vision which addresses it.

| Key Issues & Challenges | Vision |
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| Providing additional employment opportunities that meet local needs, concerns and aspirations, and a diverse local economy which should include growth in particular priority sectors. | “The District will have a successful, diverse economy by providing employment opportunities to a local workforce, equipped with a wide range of skills arising from improved education, learning and training and encouraging tourism potential.” |
| Providing additional housing, including the delivery of affordable homes. | These sustainable, balanced communities will feature good quality housing with a mix of different sizes, types and tenures which will address local needs. |

3.04 Similarly Carter Jonas o/b/o Noble Foods [Representor 030] believe that the strategic objectives do not set out the issues which the Amended Core Strategy (CS/01-02) needs to address. As set out in the table below, the District Council believes that the Objectives clearly address the concerns which are expressed.

| Representor 30 Concern | Strategic Objective which addresses this |
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| Meeting the housing needs of all the residents of the district | Objective 6,8 |
| Boosting the supply of housing | Objective 6,8 |
| Maintaining and improving the vibrancy and sustainability of rural settlements | Objective 3 |

- 3.05 The Representation made by Heaton Planning o/b/o Tarmac [Representor 034] suggests that the Amended Core Strategy (CS/01-02) should include an objective regarding the need to safeguard minerals resources. The District Council believes that whilst safeguarding Minerals is an important matter it is not considered necessary to add a new strategic objective, it should be noted that it is proposed that a new criterion be added to Spatial Policy 9 in response to another representation from Tarmac Trading Ltd [Representor 034] – see Matter 11.