

## **SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS**

### **MATTER 3 - EMPLOYMENT**

#### **The supply of land**

1. How does the quantity of land in ED1 relate to past take up rates and allocations? Does it rely too much on past trends? Does “at least” in ED1 introduce welcome flexibility or unwelcome uncertainty?
2. Is the Alteration significantly weakened by the overall uncertainty of land supply created by ED5 and ED6?

#### **Its distribution**

1. Does ED1 sufficiently reflect current and future priorities for regeneration and the future socio-economic shape of the County set out in the RES and in NSP’s Strategic Statement? If the “warming up” of recent years continues would more development elsewhere prejudice the emphasis on regeneration in SE Northumberland?
2. Is the distribution between districts in ED1 appropriate? Should more guidance be given on locations for sub-regional significant sites (ED5)? Do settlements in the Green Belt have a special case to retain an allocation well above historic take-up rates?
3. Does ED2 give sufficient guidance to assist those Districts which have over-supply and/or lack of true availability of allocated employment land?

#### **The market towns and rural areas**

1. Does the Plan give sufficient emphasis to the employment needs and potential of rural areas and market towns? Does it matter if employment land there [or elsewhere] is released for mixed use schemes or other sole uses as long as those are job creating?