

Northumberland County and National Park

Joint Structure Plan First Alteration

Schedule of EIP Panel Report Recommendations that the
Authorities do not intend to accept in full

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Reference	Panel Recommendation	County Council Response/ Reason for Decision
3.3	We recommend that Policy H2 of the Plan should be modified by the addition of a sub-paragraph to indicate that Local Planning Authorities should review outstanding planning permissions and allocations in Local Plans urgently and robustly, in a way which carefully reflects the development strategy of the First Alteration, and in particular the criteria set out in Policy S10.	Do not accept. <i>In principle, the Panel's recommendation is consistent with the objectives of managing down levels of housing provision. However, it would require the revocation of planning approvals and this is considered to be impracticable. The County Council consider this can best be achieved through the adoption of interim housing policies to manage the release of housing land for development and through the review of Local Plans.</i>
3.9	We recommend no change to the First Alteration in relation to the role of Cramlington. But we recommend that the County Council should undertake a thorough re-assessment of its role, in order to ensure that the pace and phasing of housing development fully compliments other policies in RPG and elsewhere.	Accept first recommendation. <i>The Panel's principal recommendation regarding the status of Cramlington as a sub-regional growth point is consistent with RPG1.</i> Do not accept second recommendation. <i>The County Council considers that any reassessment of its role should be undertaken through the current review of RPG1 and not by the County Council considering this issue in isolation.</i>

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5.6	<p>We recommend that the First Alteration is modified by setting out in new Policy M5 the matters for consideration in assessing all renewable energy proposals (both wind energy and other resources):</p> <p>Policy M5 Local Planning Authorities will support and encourage major development for the generation of electricity from all renewable resources, except in the National Park, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Heritage Coast, the Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site and sites of national and international for nature conservation. In those areas exceptional reasons must be shown to justify such development and proposals will be subject to Policy M1.</p> <p>Elsewhere, such major proposals will be assessed taking account of their implications for the interests set out below, including the effect of any mitigation measures proposed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) landscape character and capacity; b) visual amenity; c) archaeological and built heritage; d) nature conservation interest; e) living conditions nearby, including from noise and other emissions; f) the local economy; g) accessibility by road and public transport; h) the disposal of waste; i) agriculture and other land based industries; j) the safety of aircraft and the efficiency of radar; k) any cumulative impact with other similar developments; 	<p>Do not accept. <i>Whilst the policy is generally acceptable in that it provides a clear policy framework approach including assessment criteria it is considered that criterion j) is inappropriate. Criterion j) is concerned with the safety of aircraft and the efficiency of radar. These are technical matters covered by statutory requirements and guidance from the Civil Aviation Authority, Civil Airports and Ministry of Defence and as such duplicates consideration of matters covered under other legislation.</i></p>

l) the economic, social and environmental benefits of the development beyond the local area, and

m) any other material considerations identified in Local Plans and Supplementary Planning Guidance.

Because wind and water energy can only be harnessed where they are found, Policy S10 shall not apply to such proposals."