

Development Plan Document (DPD)

Submission Stage Representation Form

[Please copy and complete a separate form for each issue you wish to comment on]

[Please read the attached guidance notes carefully before completing this response form]

Ref:

(For official use only)

Name of the Development Plan Document (DPD) to which this representation relates:
(eg. Core Strategy, Area Action Plan, Site-Specific Allocations, Development Control Policies)

Hebburn Town Centre Area Action Plan

1. Personal Details *

* If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title and Name boxes in column 1 below, but complete the full contact details of the agent in column 2.

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2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

3. Did you raise the matter that is the subject of your representation with the Local Planning Authority earlier in the process of the preparation of the Development Plan Document, ie. before it was submitted for Examination?

No Yes - at initial Issues and alternative Options stage* Yes - at first 'Preferred Options' draft stage*

If 'No', please briefly explain why you did not do so:

4.(a) Do you consider the Development Plan Document is:

Sound¹ (ie. you support the DPD)

Unsound (ie. you consider that the DPD should be changed)

¹ - 'Sound' may be considered in this context within its ordinary meaning of "fit for purpose", "showing good judgement" and "able to be trusted" and within the context of fulfilling the expectations of legislation.

4 (h) If you consider the Development Plan Document is **Soundness Test no.** (see Annex)

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Please note: You should complete a separate response form for each Test of Soundness that you consider the Development Plan Document fails.

5. To which part of the Development Plan Document does your representation relate?

Paragraph no.

Policy no.

Proposals Map

6. Please give details of what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Development Plan Document 'sound', having regard to the Test of Soundness you have identified at Question 4(b) above. You will need to say why this change will make the Development Plan Document 'sound'. Please be as precise as possible.

We see paragraph "B", which says: "protecting and enhancing....existing and new open spaces.....whilst also enabling redevelopment" as sinister. Does "redevelopment" overrule "protecting...". If so, the paragraph is meaningless.

Arrangements for "new and improved linked open spaces" are not defined and we question how realistic they may be.

Concerning Station road and its proposed "avenue of trees", the prospect of seats let alone cafés, fronting on to Station Road while the road continues as a main thoroughfare, full of cars and fumes, is absurd. This area already has latent air pollution problems and traffic increase arising from the new Tyne Road tunnel will make it worse. (The consequent traffic increase was our main reason for opposing the Tunnel scheme from the start).

For all access and not car-specific access, car traffic must be reduced and cars must be kept away from "tranquil" areas. A previous Council response to the tunnel Inquiry that there are no CPRE-designated "tranquil" areas in South Tyneside, with the implied corollary that traffic can increase willy nilly, and that noise is an endemic urban problem so the more the better, illustrates the negative Council mind-set we are up against.

We want the Riverside Park left as a quasi-rural enclave and suggest that that is by far and away the best thing the Council can do for its residents concerning this very important open space.

(Continue on a separate sheet / expand box if necessary)

Please note: Your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested change. There will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation. After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Planning Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

7. Can your representation seeking a change be considered by written representations, or do you consider it necessary to participate in person at the oral part of the Independent Examination?

Written representations

Participate at the oral examination

8. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the Examination, please briefly outline why you consider this to be necessary:

The previous confused and irrelevant Council response regarding "tranquil areas" highlights the need to challenge the Council mindset.

Please note: The Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to use to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the Examination

Paul Winch, for Tyne Crossings Alliance

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