

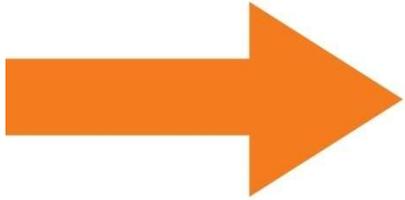
Carlisle District Local Plan (2015-2030)

Proposed Submission Draft

Economy & Environment Overview and Scrutiny

22 January 2015

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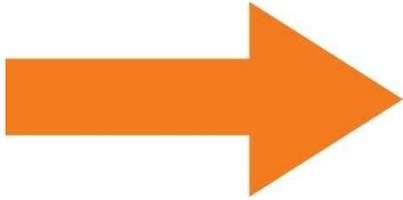
Overview

Format:

- Background / context
- Chapter by chapter briefing
- Next steps
- Policies Map

Key messages:

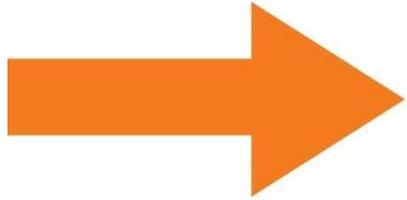
- Recognition of the Local Plan ‘journey’
 - Sustaining momentum
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Background

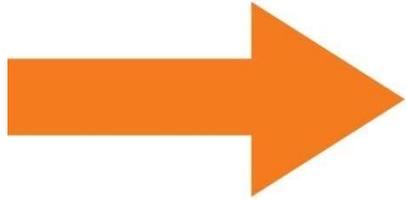
- NPPF requires up to date Local Plan;
- The Local Plan delivers this aim;
- Strategic policies, development management policies, site allocations;
- Strong evidence base;
- Extensive consultation.





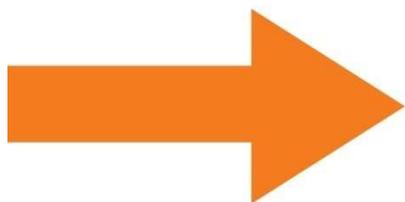
Preparation to date...

- Key Issues Consultation (Mar 2011)
- Issues and Options Consultation (Oct 2011)
- NPPF – Change of Direction (Mar 2012)
- Preferred Options stage 1 (July to Sept 2013);
- Preferred Options stage 2 (March – April 2014);
- Strong interest in housing policies, economic growth policies, and strategic policies;



Most Recent Evolution

- Further consultation
- New national guidance
- Updated evidence base
- Continued engagement and co-operation with key stakeholders
- Ongoing SA, HRA, EIA and HIA
- Internal challenge and review
 - Local Plan Members Working Group



Preferred Options Stage 2 Consultation

- Extensive publicity
- 173 Consultees raised 800 Representations
- 19% supports; 44% objections and 37% comments
- Housing raised the most representations

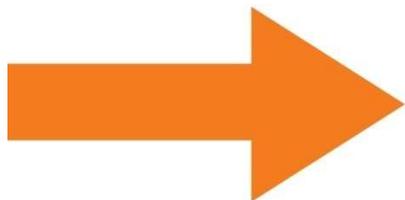
Planning Carlisle's Future

Carlisle District Local Plan 2015 - 2030

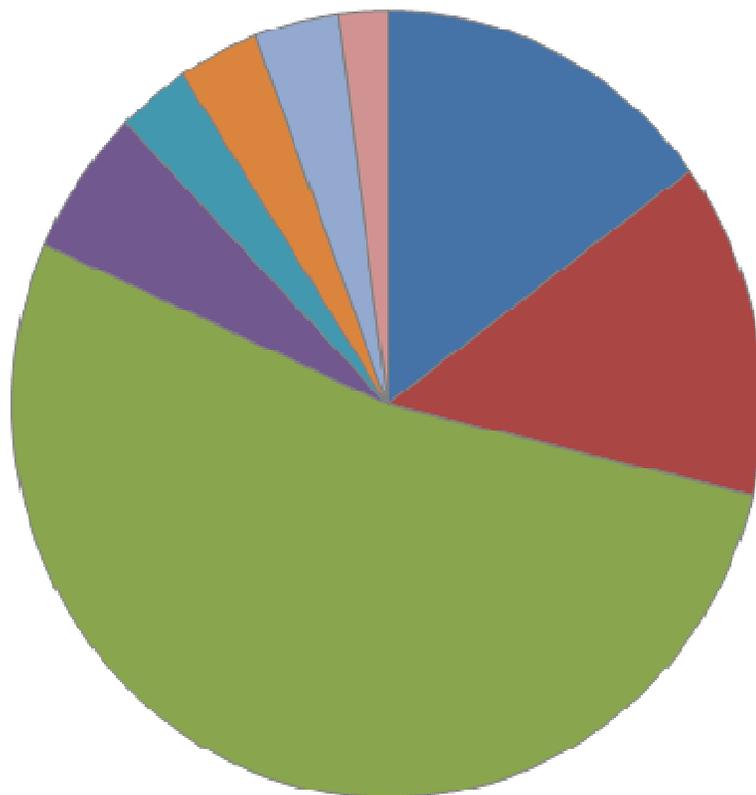
Preferred Options Consultation-

Stage Two





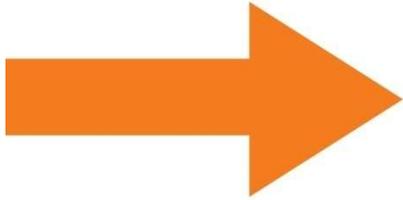
Breakdown of Representations



- Spatial & Strategic Policies
- Economy
- Housing
- Infrastructure
- Climate Change & Flood Risk
- Health Education & Community
- Historic Environment
- Green Infrastructure

Preferred Options (Stage 2) Representations per Key Policy Area / Local Plan Chapter

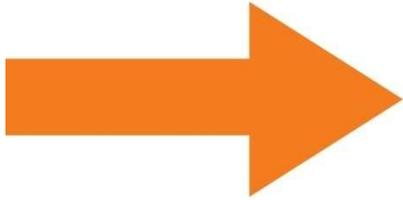




Vision & Objectives

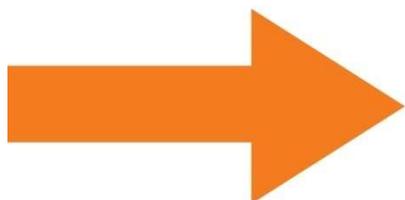
Key Changes

- Vision expanded – more comprehensive and importantly locally distinctive
 - Redrafted as “in 2030.....”
- Strengthened suite of Strategic Objectives
 - Minor changes generally in form of additions
 - added reference to stimulating inward investment, affordable housing, boosting land supply, focus on City Centre



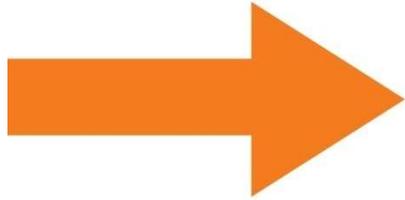
Strategic Policies Key Changes

- Refocused and expanded suite of strategic policies
- Policy SP2 re-focussed on key growth and distribution principles
- Policy SP3 'Carlisle South' refined and more focussed
- Policy SP4 updated to reflect City Centre Development Framework
- Former 'University Development' expanded
- New Strategic policies
 - Strategic Connectivity
 - Valuing our Heritage and Cultural Identity
 - Healthy and Thriving Communities



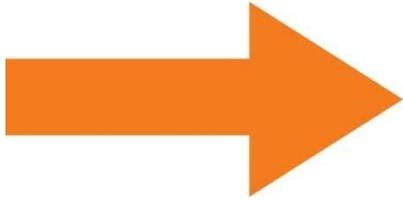
Economy Key Changes

- Policy EC 1 re-focussed exclusively on employment land allocations
 - Reference to employment opportunity on Land at Harker north of J44 of the M6 removed from the Plan
- ‘Mixed Use Areas’ policy removed from the Plan
- Retail / Service Centre hierarchy updated:
 - Brampton, Dalston and Longtown identified as District Centres
 - Neighbourhood shopping parades now referred to as local centres
- Morton District Centre policy updated to cover other uses and to include safeguards



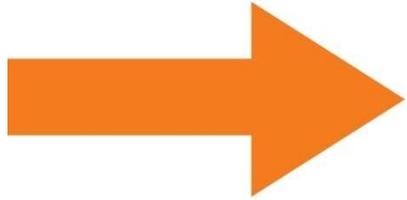
Housing Key Changes

- Reduction in the housing target; from 665/yr to 565/yr;
- Changes to the portfolio of sites – sites deleted and new sites added;
- Introduction of new national planning guidance resulting in changes to affordable housing policy;
- Carlisle South policy expanded and clarified; HCA Atlas team engaged to assist in programming masterplanning work.



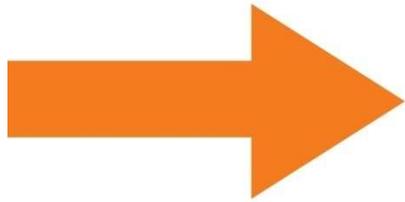
Infrastructure Key Changes

- Policy still provides hook to allow for introduction of Community Infrastructure Levy
- Delivering Infrastructure and Planning Obligations policies have been updated to remove prescriptive lists of infrastructure types
- Reference to Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) has been strengthened within plan
- Planning Obligations policy updated to reflect new national thresholds
- Broadband policy was well received – now less technical
- Foul Water Drainage policy updated as per United Utilities recommendations
- New policy to be included – IP 7 Carlisle Airport



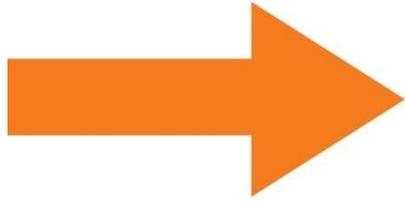
Climate Change and Flood Risk key changes

- Additional criteria added to Policy CC 2 – Energy from Wind
 - 800m separation distance between wind turbines over 25m and residential properties
 - in the interests of residential amenity and safety
 - Consistent approach with neighbouring authorities
- Removal of requirement for development to improve CO₂ emissions above Building Regulations from Policy CC 3 – Energy Conservation, Efficiency and Resilience
- Flood Risk and Development Policy & Surface Water Management and Sustainable Drainage Systems Policy strengthened & rationalised



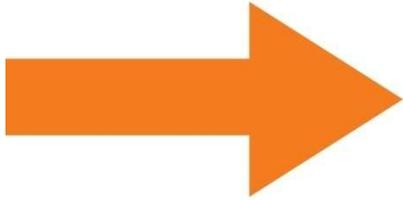
Health, Education & Community key changes

- Policy CM2 Educational Needs has been strengthened to ensure ability to secure developer contributions;
- Access, Mobility and Inclusion Policy has been amalgamated into Policy SP 6 Securing Good Design;
- Safeguarding Zones policy has been removed as this is picked up at validation of planning applications and appropriate consultees notified;
- Amalgamation of separate policies to form Policy CM 5 – Environmental and Amenity Protection



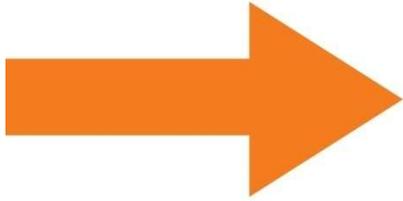
Historic Environment Key Changes

- This chapter is linked closely to Policy SP 7 – Valuing our Heritage and Cultural Identity
- There have been a number of minor changes to the Policies within this chapter as a result of consultation with English Heritage, ensuring policies are in line with their strategies and that of the National Planning Policy Framework



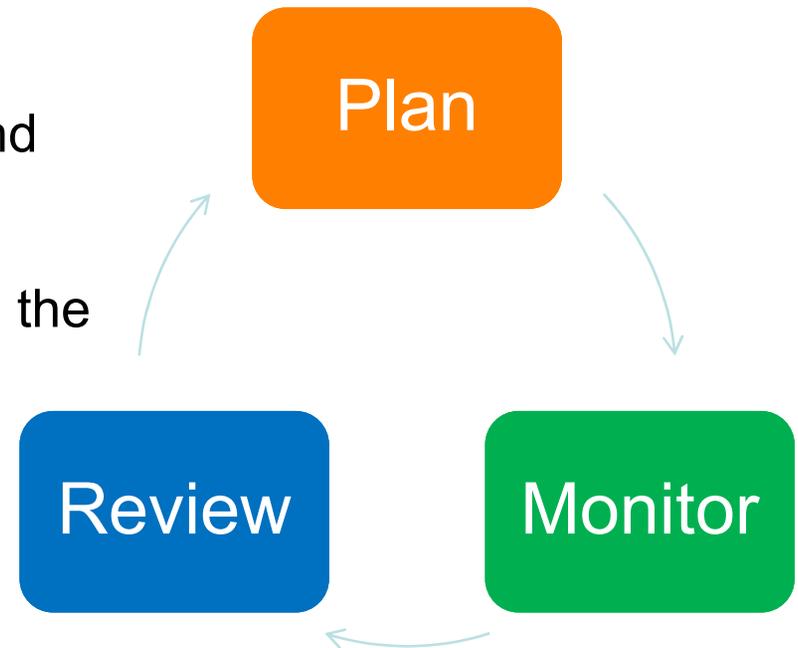
Green Infrastructure Key Changes

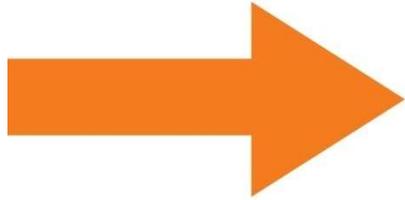
- No Significant changes made to policies
- AONB policy has been updated to be in greater conformity with Allerdale's AONB policy (due to joint responsibility for Solway Coast)
- Technical tweaks to Biodiversity and Geodiversity policy as per County recommendation
- Open Space policy has been renamed 'Public Open Space' to make it clear that it applies to public spaces only



Monitoring Framework Key Changes

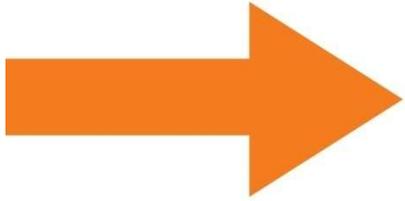
- Need to measure the effectiveness of the policies and objectives of the Plan
- Framework of clear policy objectives and indicators
- Includes possible actions to be taken in the event of negative trends emerging
- More robust and transparent
- Reported annually in the Council's Monitoring Report





Conclusions

- No fundamental changes to the strategy at the heart of the Plan
- Most changes add to and strengthen - little considered to have been lost
- Policies and proposals considered to be appropriately flexible
- Considered that as drafted the Plan is 'sound' and can be progressed
- Not the end of the road or end of anyone's say



Next Steps...

- Further consultation for a minimum period of six weeks (Feb-April)
- Submission to Government (May)
- Independent Examination (May – Nov)
- Receipt of Inspectors Report (Jan 16)
- Adoption following Council resolution (Apr 16)

