

Appendix B: North East

Saved structure plan policies

County level structure plans were abolished under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, but the policies in them remained in force for a transitional period. In 2007 the Government wrote to local planning authorities to advise them which policies from their existing structure plans would be saved after 27 September 2007. This Appendix lists the one saved structure plan policy for the North East together with an assessment of whether the policy is still relevant or whether it has been superseded.

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Northumberland County and National Park Joint Structure Plan First Alteration (2005)					
<p><u>Policy S5 – Extension to the Green Belt</u> An extension to the Green Belt will extend from the existing boundary northwards to lie:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to the west of Netherwitton, Hartburn and Belsay; • north of Longhorsley and west of Widdrington Station, excluding the Stobswood Opencast site • east of Pegswood • west of Ashington, Guide Post, Bedlington and the A1068; and • east of Bothal, Hepscott, Nedderton and Hartford Bridge <p>Precise boundaries, including those around settlements, should be defined in Local Plans having particular regard to</p>					x

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the maintenance of the role of Morpeth as defined in Policy S7 and to the sequential approach in Policy S11					

The Regional Strategy for the North East replaced all policies within the Northumberland County and National Park Joint Structure Plan First Alteration (February 2005), with the exception of Policy S5. This policy was retained to maintain a satisfactory strategic planning framework for the preparation of local plans. Detailed Green Belt boundaries have not, as yet, however been defined for that part of Policy S5 which relates to the area of the former Castle Morpeth Borough Council. Work on defining the detailed boundaries is being taken forward through the preparation of the new Local Plan for Northumberland. It is proposed that Policy S5 should be retained until the new Local Plan for Northumberland is adopted