

THE CITY OF DURHAM TRUST

Response to the County Durham Plan Pre-Submission Draft

COUNTY DURHAM PLAN PRE-SUBMISSION DRAFT - Consultation October 2013

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Preferred method of contact (please tick): Email Letter

To which part of the County Durham Plan does your representation relate?
Policy 44 - Historic Environment

Q1

Do you consider that this policy/proposal of the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan to be Legally & Procedurally Compliant and Sound?

Legally and Procedurally Compliant Yes (Go to Q3)

Sound Mostly (Go to Q3)

Q2 - If you consider that this policy/proposal of the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan is Legally and Procedurally Compliant and Sound please use this box to explain why?

The Trust approves of this general Policy. The content of the policy is crisper, and separation of policy and text is more logically arranged between the two than at the Preferred Options stage. The one query that the Trust has is the apparent vulnerability of Grade 1 Listed Structures. See our answer to Q4 for more details.

Q3

Why do you consider that this Policy/Proposal of the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan is not Legally & Procedurally Compliant or sound? Is it:

Positively Prepared? Yes

Justified? Yes

Effective? No

Consistent? Yes

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Q4

If you do not consider this policy/proposal of the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan to be Legally & Procedurally Compliant or Sound please use this box to explain why.

The one query that the Trust has is the apparent vulnerability of Grade 1 Listed Structures. Classified on a national register as “buildings of exceptional interest”, and making up a mere 3 per cent of total listed structures, they surely should stand above the blanket condition in paragraph 3 of the Policy which could permit their loss in the face of demonstrable new development. Because this has not been done the Plan risks being unsound because it is **not effective**.

Q5

What change(s) do you consider necessary to make this policy/proposal of the Pre-Submission Draft Plan Legally & Procedurally Compliant and Sound?

The Plan should give extra protection to Grade 1 listed buildings.

Q6

Do you wish to participate in the Examination in Public? (Please note that the Planning Inspector will make the final decision on who will be invited to attend individual sessions at the Examination).

No

Q7

Do you want to be informed of the following:

The submission of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State? Yes

The publication the Inspector report? Yes

The adoption of the County Durham Plan? Yes