

THE CITY OF DURHAM TRUST

Question 2

Do you agree with the objectives? Can you suggest any alternatives and are there any missing?

As noted in our submission on paragraph 1.14, we consider that there should be a further condition:

Achieving inclusivity - eliminate all gender, race, age and cultural gaps in employment and entrepreneurship between County Durham and national averages by 2025.

This would align with the North East Local Enterprise Partnership's objective as set out in *More and Better Jobs: The North East Strategic Economic Plan 2014*, included in the Evidence Library.

Objective 1: we feel this could be unachievable. We have proposed in our answer to Question 1 that the SCS needs to be revisited and a consequence could be that this figure changes. We explore further issues with this objective in our answer to Question 5.

Sustainable, inclusive and mixed communities: The Interim Policy on Student Accommodation begins "In order to promote the creation of sustainable, inclusive and mixed communities and maintain an appropriate housing mix..." and this is an objective that is clearly related to numbers 2 and 3 in the list but is not explicitly present in either of them. We think that creating and maintaining inclusive and mixed communities is important enough to have a place in the objectives. Whether this is done by having a new objective or by adapting the wording of these existing objectives is something we are content to leave to yourselves.

Objectives 5, 8, and 9: we strongly support these objectives.

The other objectives are expressed in general terms and we will defer comments to the more detailed questions that follow.