

THE CITY OF DURHAM TRUST

Question 20

Should the Plan apply more flexibility to the consideration of tourism accommodation and attractions in rural areas where it would benefit the visitor economy?

The City of Durham Trust considers that it is not appropriate to determine this question until there are policies being drafted that may or may not require flexibility in rural areas.

Positive policies for tourism accommodation and attractions are essential in delivering the diverse range of job opportunities required to meet the spectrum of abilities and aspirations of the present and future population of County Durham. This is true both for realising the potential of towns such as Seaham, Bishop Auckland and Durham city and for boosting the economy of rural County Durham. We look forward to helping to develop such policies. As part of determining the nature of those policies it will be possible to consider whether they should apply more flexibly in rural areas where it would benefit the visitor economy.