

THE CITY OF DURHAM TRUST

Question 28

Are there any areas of the county where there are sufficient exceptional circumstances which would justify new Green Belt?

The City of Durham Trust considers that the priority must be to retain the Green Belt with its current boundary other than for very minor corrections to reflect the few anomalies identified at the Examination in Public Stage 1.

We cannot comment on the possibility of additional Green Belt area to the north of Consett and Stanley as this is outside our constitutionally defined area of interest.

We do not have evidence of exceptional circumstances to justify new Green Belt elsewhere but wonder whether the countryside around (and the remaining green spaces between) Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor might be included in assessments. There has been development along both sides of the A691 in the Green Belt between Stone Bridge and Langley Moor, giving an impression of coalescence. It might be worthwhile to consider taking the outer boundary of the Green Belt around Brandon, Langley Moor and Meadowfield.