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The County Durham Plan: Local Plan Preferred Options

As the largest civic amenity society in the North East, which has cared for the environment of the City and its surrounds for 70 years, the City of Durham Trust has a duty to submit the following comments. While we speak primarily for our members, we believe that the comments may represent the views of many others of the disenfranchised citizens of Durham.

In our answers, *Trust* refers to the City of Durham Trust, *Preferred Options* refers to the *Local Plan Preferred Options* document, *Authority* or *Council* refers to Durham County Council and *NPPF* refers to the National Planning Policy Framework. Our responses are arranged systematically in the order in which the corresponding questions appear in the *Preferred Options* document. We have tried to make each response self-contained, which means that in some cases the same text appears in more than one place.

We have not responded to every section: in some cases this is because the Policy refers to a location outside our area of interest which is broadly the former City of Durham District, in other cases it is because we broadly support the policy and feel we have nothing useful to add to it.

The Trust would be happy to clarify any aspects of its submission in discussion with the Council's officers, if this would assist.

Yours sincerely,

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