

Saved Policies of the Newcastle under Lyme Local Plan (Adopted 2003)

The policies set out below are taken from the Newcastle-under-Lyme Local Plan 2011 (adopted October 2003). These policies were saved beyond September 28 2007, by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and have not been replaced by the adoption of the Newcastle-under-Lyme Local Plan (2020 – 2040). Supporting text to individual policies provides some useful context and explanation and therefore remains relevant. For these purposes, please refer to copies of the Local Plan in its entirety.

POLICY C3: PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE OPEN SPACE, POOLFIELDS, NEWCASTLE

An area of about 19 hectares of land at Poolfields, as shown on the Proposals Map, is allocated as publicly accessible open space. It is the Council's policy to protect the visual continuity of the open land along the line of the Silverdale Brook, to endeavour to secure public access by agreement where possible and to encourage nature conservation on appropriate parts of the site and to deem it a future Local Nature Reserve. The Council will resist any development on the site that would be detrimental to the open rural character and visual amenities of the area and any development on neighbouring land that would result in deterioration of the site.

POLICY C8: COUNTRY PARKS

Country Parks will be developed on the sites at Apedale and Leycett as shown on the Proposals Map.

POLICY C9: COUNTRYSIDE PARKS

Countryside Parks will be developed at Hayes Wood and at Birchenwood as shown on the Proposals Map.

POLICY C13: ADDITIONAL FACILITIES AT APEDALE COMMUNITY COUNTRY PARK

Proposals to provide additional facilities at the Country Park will be considered favourably, provided that all the following requirements are met:

- i) Any proposal should where relevant be in keeping with surrounding buildings and not harm the landscape and environment.
- ii) The proposal should contribute to the overall regeneration of the area by re-using derelict or despoiled land and existing buildings.
- iii) The proposal should contribute to the cultural, recreational and amenity value of the Country Park.
- iv) Measures should be taken to encourage access by other means than the private car.

POLICY C19: BURIAL GROUND BRADWELL

It is proposed that an area of 1.5 hectares, adjoining Chatterley Close, Bradwell, as shown on the Proposals Map, is allocated for a burial ground and that a landscaped area, with a width of at least 10 metres, be laid out along the western boundary of the site.

POLICY C21: WHITE ROCK – APEDALE ROAD

A site of 13ha, on Apedale Road, as shown on the Proposals Map, is allocated for community leisure use. Planning permission may be given for a wide variety of leisure and recreational uses appropriate to the needs of the local community and in keeping with adjoining activities. Any car parking provided must be on a limited scale only. An application should be accompanied by an environmental statement.

POLICY N16: PROTECTION OF A GREEN HERITAGE NETWORK

It is the Council's policy to seek opportunities to consolidate and enhance the green heritage network as identified on the Proposals Map and listed below. Planning permission will not be granted for development in or adjacent to 'green heritage' areas which would harm their integrity or their ecological and landscape value as open spaces. Where development is permitted, the Council may require mitigation and/or compensation measures and will seek to ensure that appropriate landscaping proposals will be implemented and maintained to enhance the area's status and function as part of the Borough's wildlife network.

The 'green heritage' network comprises the following sites:

- Poolfields
- Lower Apedale
- Wolstanton Golf Course
- Kidswood
- Birchen Wood
- Wolstanton Marsh
- Melvyn Crescent (rear of Hillport House)
- Hoon Avenue
- Bradwell Wood western spur
- Walk/cycleway from Newcastle to Lymedale and Silverdale
- Walkway from Silverdale Road to Lyme Valley
- Walk/cycleway (former Potteries Loopline) from City through Birchenwood to Kidsgrove centre