

**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME AND STOKE-ON-TRENT
CORE SPATIAL STRATEGY EXAMINATION**

Inspector Hearing Document IHD 5

1. The Inspector considers that there is a need for some further written exchanges on aspects of policy CSP3. She does not wish this to hold up publication of the Councils' Final Schedule of Changes and suggests that any changes related to CSP3 be removed from the schedule. Discussion of word changes on this topic is recorded through the referenced Hearing Documents which are published on the website and the Inspector will have the same regard to these as to the schedule.
2. The Inspector may have to consider the situation where it is necessary for soundness to delete parts of Policy CSP3, for example points 1, 2 and 4. In considering this matter she will have regard to the following:
 - (a) Avoiding repeating national or regional policies;
 - (b) Whether parts of CSP3 add anything locally or have any spatial element;
 - (c) Whether there is evidence to support any local variation to national or regional policies;
 - (d) The weight to be accorded to Policy SR3 of the RSS Phase Two revision, bearing in mind the Government's criticisms in RSS/003 and the fact that these matters will be dealt with in the Phase Three revision.
3. She asks the Councils to carry out the following by 12 noon on Friday May 15:
 - Comment on the revised detailed wording suggested by Mr Gilbert in RHD10;
 - Provide suitable revised wording for CSP3 and its supporting text to remove points 1, 2 and 4 and make it clear that sustainable construction will be considered under national policies and any final published regional policies.