

Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke-on-Trent Core Spatial Strategy

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Paragraph 5.107 of the submitted Core Spatial Strategy sets out the vision for the Inner Urban Core. Paragraph 5.108 clearly indicates that the vision will be achieved through the area spatial policies illustrated on Plan 5 and amplified through the Inner Urban Core AAP.

Point 10 of Area Spatial Policy 2 (ASP2) clearly states that it is intended to develop the Etruria Valley to City Centre and Burslem Link and point 13 sets out the strategic spatial land use policy for Etruria Valley which will be developed through the Area Action Plan. Further information regarding detailed planning is provided at paragraph 5.142 of the submitted Core Spatial Strategy.

The Core Strategy Strategic Infrastructure Planning (EB/061B) sets out the Councils latest position regarding timing and funding of the link.

Thus the Core Spatial Strategy adequately makes provision for Etruria Valley as a major mixed use area and catalyst for major inward investment and this therefore addresses issues (a) and (b) as set out in paragraph 2.3 of RHD9.

The Councils are not in a position to commit to earlier delivery of the link road or to publicly fund the construction of the proposal subject to a possible contribution from the private sector if and when circumstances permit. Such an amendment would render the Core Spatial Strategy unsound because of failure to properly consult with interested stakeholders. The opportunity arises with the preparation of the Area Action Plan to secure more detailed agreement on these matters.

The proposed amendments sought in RHD9 are not accepted by the Councils.