



# Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill Neighbourhood Development Plan 2018-2040

Response to the Initial Comments of the Independent Examiner

**July 2021**

## Strategic Policies

5. Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council can confirm that the list of Local Plan policies set out in Appendix II are the strategic policies that the neighbourhood plan has to be in general conformity with.

It has been noted, however, that policy CSP8 in Appendix II has been spelt as CP8 and is also in the wrong order.

The programme for the Local Plan is set out in the Local Development Scheme 2021-2024 which can be viewed by following this link:

<https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/sites/default/files/IMCE/Planning/Local%20Development%20Scheme%202021-2024.pdf>

- Issues and Strategic Options is scheduled for consultation in autumn 2021;
- Publication draft is scheduled for consultation in autumn 2022;
- Final draft plan is scheduled for consultation in summer 2023;
- Submission to Planning Inspectorate late 2023.

## Policy BBW4: Detailed Design

7. Considerations for a prior approval application are limited to certain matters under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (GDPO). As such, the current wording of the policy may lead to a misconception that the clauses of Policy BBW4 are relevant to the consideration of all prior approval applications. The Borough Council has no objection to the concept of determining prior approval applications with regard to Policy BBW4 but would suggest the wording was modified in a way that provides clarity to the reader that it is only able to be taken into account where applicable, under the terms of the GDPO.