

Examination of Newcastle upon Tyne Development and Allocations Plan 2015-2030

Objector 54. David Leeder.

Matter 5 : People and Place

Question 5.20 : Is the mapping of the Strategic Green Infrastructure justified?

1. Thank you for the opportunity to submit a written statement on the question to be examined relevant to my objection to the Plan. I apologise that I am not able to attend the examination in person.
2. I live at 7 Moor Crescent in Gosforth. The houses on the south side of the street adjoin the Town Moor. During the pre-submission consultation I noticed that the Policies Map showed that Policy DM27 extended over my house and several other properties at varying distances from the Town Moor.
3. I am not objecting to the policy itself, but I don't think that the application to established residential areas has been justified in this case.
4. The boundary for Policy DM27 appears to have been taken from Figure C5 in the Green Infrastructure Strategy Report (Evidence Base 134b). The Town Moor in the vicinity of Moor Crescent is identified as part of the Strategic Green Infrastructure Network. An area further south, the other side of Grandstand Road, is highlighted as a Key Green Infrastructure Site. There is no indication that the map is intended to show anything other than the existing Town Moor in that area.
5. No justification has been put forward for extending the Strategic Green Infrastructure into the Moor Crescent area. Policy DM27 protects and enhances existing Strategic Green Infrastructure which is not relevant to established housing. It also seeks to address gaps in the Strategic Green Infrastructure Network, which doesn't apply to this area, and improvements in the Opportunity Areas (listed in para 6.13.10 of the Plan) and the Green Belt, neither of which include this area.
6. My objection would be satisfied if the boundary of Policy DM27 on the Policies Map in the Moor Crescent area was redrawn to follow the boundary of the Town Moor.

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Question 5.26 : Are the Wildlife Enhancement Corridors in Policy DM29 and identified on the policies map justified and consistent with national policy?

1. Thank you for the opportunity to submit a written statement on the question to be examined relevant to my objection to the Plan. I apologise that I am not able to attend the examination in person.
2. I live at 7 Moor Crescent in Gosforth. The houses on the south side of the street adjoin the Town Moor. During the pre-submission consultation I noticed that the Policies Map showed that a Wildlife Enhancement Corridor under Policy DM29 extended over my house and several other properties in the area.
3. I fully support the principle of Wildlife Corridors and the approach set out in para 6.15.8 of the Plan and in more detail in the Wildlife Corridors Enhancement Reports (Evidence Base 153). In summary, they generally provide a link between public and private open spaces.
4. The Town Moor is already a wonderful haven for wildlife and I would welcome policies which further enhance its wildlife value and its connection to other wildlife sites. Figure C5 in the Green Infrastructure Strategy Report (Evidence Base 134b) shows Wildlife Gaps to the north west and south east of the Town Moor, but nothing in the area of Moor Crescent.
5. As marked on the Policies Map, the inclusion of residential properties in that area would only serve to widen the corridor, which is extremely wide at that point. It is not a corridor to other public or private open spaces. I can find no justification for such inclusion in the plan or the evidence base.
6. My objection would be satisfied if the boundary of the Wildlife Enhancement Corridors under Policy DM29 on the Policies Map in the Moor Crescent area was redrawn to follow the boundary of the Town Moor.