

## EXAMINATION OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DEVELOPMENT AND ALLOCATIONS PLAN 2015-2030

### MATTER FIVE-PEOPLE AND PLACES

For sites to be suitable for development it is necessary to take into account the environmental and health impacts of proposals. CSUCP Policy CS14 sets out how the wellbeing and health of communities will be protected by preventing negative impacts on residential amenity from environmental hazards such as noise, ground and water contamination, vibration and air quality. Item 6.10.2 states Local Authorities are required to carry out regular reviews of pollution levels and designate Air Quality Management Areas for areas that are at risk. These aspects are linked to health and wellbeing of residents and further connected to the provision of Green and Open Spaces. Green infrastructure provides multi-functional benefits, such as adaptation to climate change, improved resilience to extreme weather events, enhanced biodiversity, improved visual amenity and landscape quality, sustainable travel opportunities and improved public health and well-being. This is mentioned in the DAP and cannot be underestimated.

There is a need to acknowledge a provision for monitoring of the areas mentioned and to include such areas which have green infrastructure which adds to a “sense of place” which is stated by the Newcastle Core Strategy.

**This aspect can be linked to question Question 5.22 with regard to criterion of Policy DM28,**

**‘what is meant by historical importance of the area in relation to trees and landscaping?’**

**Where the said trees and landscaping provide this “sense of place” to a specific area and help to reduce and oxygenate the atmosphere in regard to air pollution caused by traffic numbers and surrounding developments in an area.**

Mention is made of **green streets helping both connectivity for people and wildlife**. These provide a living environment which also aids the psychological and physical health of every generation and thereby reduces costs to health care.

For these reasons specific details of areas which have were designed with tree lined avenues and verges need to be included in the DAP specifically as small areas of historical green significance.

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