

Reference	Name	Organisation	Agent organisation	Type of representation	Comments (incl Para numbers)	Officer comments	Proposed changes
CHAPTER EIGHT – A HEALTHY AND SAFE DARLINGTON							
CS17 – Delivering a Multifunctional Green Infrastructure Network							
CSRPO/0059/NE	Tracy Jones	Natural England	N/A	Objection	Welcome the inclusion of this section and CS17 in the Core Strategy. 8.1.3 The contribution of green infrastructure to encouraging economic growth via attracting investment, visitors and providing a sense of place should also be recognised. 8.1.5 Links should be made here to the Tees Valley Green Infrastructure Strategy and consideration should be given as to whether a local green infrastructure strategy should be prepared. CS17 1st sentence-this should refer to enhanced, created and extended (to allow opportunities for new links to be made) Cs17 (v and vi)-does this mean other areas of open countryside/agricultural land/woodland are excluded from CS17? Suggest they are included especially as urban fringe is included. CS17 – last paragraph-the space may have value in relation to other functions it provides which may be more than access for community, so this should also be taken into consideration. Further strategic analysis would be needed to demonstrate which function is needed where, using green Infrastructure mapping method on the steps of data mapping, functionality and needs assessment. Implementation-it may be appropriate to develop a Green Infrastructure SPD to provide more detail on how this policy will be implemented. Delivery: Natural England should be added here – through the use of Higher Level and Entry Level Environmental Stewardship. Monitoring Indicators–the ANGST standards (Access to Natural Green space Standards) rather than Amount of open space ha per 1000 pop should be used.	8.1.3 Green infrastructure plays an important role in attracting business and visitors to Darlington, this will be recognized in the Core Strategy.8.15 Links will be made to the TV Green Infrastructure Strategy and the forthcoming Darlington Green Infrastructure Strategy.CS17 will be amended to reflect comments made, particularly as accept that green infrastructure has many different uses compared to traditional forms of open space Green Infrastructure Strategy is being prepared; this will with the Open Space Strategy implement CS17.Delivery will be amended accordingly Monitoring – consideration will be given to using the most appropriate indicators at a local level in Darlington.	Changes to supporting text will reflect comments made. CS17 and delivery will be amended accordingly. Further consideration needs to be given to appropriate monitoring indicators
CSRPO/0042/EH	Alan Hunter	English Heritage	N/A	Objection	Figure 8.1 is difficult to read and understand.	Noted. An accessible version of the plan can be found in the Open Space Strategy and on the Council's website.	Ensure plans, and diagrams are clear, legible and accessible to all.
CSRPO/0019/CPRE	Gillan Gibson	CPRE Darlington District Committee	N/A	Support	Strong protection of both formal and informal space is most welcome and necessary.	Comments welcome and noted.	None
CSRPO/0058/EA	Liz Lightbourne	Environment Agency	N/A	Support / Comment	Support the identification of the role of green spaces to reduce flooding (Para 8.1.4). Justification for any loss of green infrastructure which is used for flood storage of an area, would have to be provided and demonstrated that the alternative does a better job than the existing space and has the same beneficial effects for the area it is located i.e. does not increase flood risk.	CS17 requires the loss of green infrastructure to provide equivalent or better space in terms of a range of matters including flood storage.	None
CSRPO/0042/EH	Alan Hunter	English Heritage	N/A	Objection	It should contain a commitment to proactive recovery and consolidation of linear features such as green corridors and sections of the Stockton and Darlington Railway Trackbed to improve their recreational and biodiversity value.	Green corridors and the Stockton and Darlington Trackbed are protected and appropriately enhanced under Locally Important Open Spaces (CS17 iv)	None
CSRPO/0008/ANEC	C. Megginson	North East Planning Body	N/A	Support	Establishment of green infrastructure is supported in RSS policy 8 and is consistent with the objectives of other environmental policies of the RSS, and those in relation to sustainable development and sustainable communities.	Comments welcomed and noted	None
CSRPO/0023/HA	Kyle Maylard	Highways Agency	N/A	None	No comment.	Noted	None

CSRPO/0041/CDDN HS	Nicholas Lawrence	County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust	Eko Planning (North) Limited	Objection	PPS12 states that a CS should include a clear vision on how an area should develop and identify spatial choices where developments should go in broad terms. Does not reference the provision of healthcare facilities, which can contribute to the wellbeing of its residents and encourage a healthy borough. The only reference to health is through the promotion of healthy living (CS17, CS18). This is a major omission particularly as the Borough is serviced by the Memorial Hospital, a major healthcare facility, for residents and the wider area, is a significant local employer and helps achieve sustainable communities. Other Borough wide healthcare services are offered by Tees and Wear Valley Foundation Trust. DBC has stated that access to healthcare is a design issue (CS2), but it is a fundamental aspect of planning policy land use, whereas design is set against the form, scale and mass of a proposed development, not its use. This does not equate to the provision of healthcare services. Section 8 should include a policy on healthcare facilities and provision supported by One Darlington, which recognises that, the provision of healthcare facilities contribute to the health and well being of the Borough. The RPO follows One Darlington, so a health section should be included. PPS12 requires that a CS should meet the test of soundness and to satisfy this requirement it should incorporate flexibility. This is lacking and inclusion of this requirement will allow healthcare providers to deal with the changing nature and needs of health provision in terms of the type, scale and location of these services, whilst recognising the impact that patient choice may have upon the level of healthcare services provided. DBC considers that change of use or loss of facilities is more appropriately discussed in future DPDs with detailed matters considered when a planning application is submitted. The commitment in Theme 5 CSIO to consult the Trust on strategic health matters in the preparation of the CS was not progressed despite the requirement in PPS12 (Para. 4.27-4.30) to positively engage with key delivery stakeholders such as health trusts. Through discussions, whilst recognising that the DMH and healthcare provision has been omitted from the RPO, the Council have sought justification for the inclusion of healthcare provision these include Southampton, Leicester, Oxford, Plymouth, North Somerset, York and Swindon. The inclusion of a sub-section dealing with healthcare would not undermine Core Strategy as there is a heading addressing health in One Darlington including the reference that the provision of health facilities contributes to the health and well-being of the Borough. Incorporating healthcare provision will allow the document to meet the test of soundness and provide robustness.	There is a balance to be achieved between having flexibility in the plan and having sufficient certainty to enable infrastructure and service providers to plan ahead. Further consideration will have to be given as to whether this objection can be addressed without undermining the overall purpose of the Core Strategy. The Council have involved the Trust in ongoing consultation in relation to the Core Strategy and the LIP to try to agree a way forward. As the respondent states 'through discussions' the Council has identified several issues, which would help further consideration of comments.	Further consideration of comments required.
CSRPO/0041/CDDN HS	Nicholas Lawrence	County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust	Eko Planning (North) Limited	Objection	PPS12 requires that locations for strategic developments and existing strategic development sites/ locations should be indicated on a Key Diagram. The Key Diagram does not show key healthcare facilities; it should be revised to include the DMH.	The Key Diagram reflects appropriate designations from the Core Strategy policies. Additional designations will only be added following further consideration of comments made in relation to a new healthcare policy.	Further consideration of comments required.
CSRPO/0037/NWL	Mr. Steve Wharton	Northumbrian Water Limited	England and Lyle	Objection	Stressholme STW lies in the Area of High Landscape Value and Broken Scar WTW is adjacent to the AHLV shown on the Key Diagram. CS17 fails to recognise the importance of NWL's future water and sewerage operations; it is too restrictive in relation to achieving the potential expansion of the Treatment Works as may be necessitated by future development in the town to ensure the implementation of policies CS1, CS5 and CS10. Policies T54 and T55 in the adopted Local Plan safeguards for necessary development at these works. NWL want it confirmed these policies will remain in force; or failing this that CS17 reworded accordingly.	The Area of High Landscape Value is not identified in the Core Strategy, however Stressholme and Broken Scar do lie in or next to the green corridors. Accept that the nature of NWL's operations means that infrastructure may need to be located in close proximity to watercourses.	CS17 will be amended to make reference to provision for essential utilities infrastructure that is adequately mitigated. More detailed policies will be set out in forthcoming DPDs.
CS18 – Promoting Quality, Accessible Sport and Recreation Facilities							
CSRPO/0027/SE	Dave McGuire	Sport England	N/A	Objection	There is an absence of cross-referencing to standards of provision for playing pitches and indoor/outdoors sports facilities in CS18 or the text that precedes it. Without reference to appropriate standards of provision it is impossible to apply meaning to the term 'appropriate quantity', which appears in the second sentence of the policy, or monitor its progress. Both the Playing Pitch Strategy and the Sports and Physical Activities Strategy contain recommended standards of provision and these should be linked to the policy. Active Places Power could then be used to monitor provision for pools and halls in terms of sq.m per '000 population.	Noted	CS18 will be amended to make reference to helping deliver the Darlington Playing Pitch Strategy and the Darlington Sports and Recreation Facilities Strategy.
CSRPO/0008/ANEC	C. Megginson	North East Planning Body	N/A	Support	The provision and enhancement of such facilities is consistent with the sustainability objectives of RSS policies 2 and 24.	Comments welcomed and noted	None
CSRPO/0019/CPRE	Gillan Gibson	CPRE Darlington District Committee	N/A	Support	CPRE supports this policy. Retaining and protecting sporting facilities such as playing fields is vital.	Comments welcomed and noted	None

CSRPO/0027/SE	Dave McGuire	Sport England	N/A	Objection	The final part of CS18 protects sports facilities and only considers their loss in prescribed exceptional circumstances. The exceptional circumstances are essentially the same as the exceptional circumstances contained within Sport England's playing field policy - but tweaked to cover all sport and recreation facilities and not just playing field. Unfortunately this approach seems to fall down for exceptional circumstance 3, which does not make sense. A more appropriate form of wording would be 'Development only affects parts of a site / facility, which does not adversely impact on its value to sport and recreation.	Noted	CS18 will be amended accordingly
CSRPO/0003/Cjo	Charles Johnson	DBC (Councillor)	N/A	Objection	New private facilities would not be subject to community use or would they?	New private facilities can provide quality access to sports facilities, including specialized sports facilities. Where appropriate secure community use can enable access to these facilities for the wider community.	None
CSRPO/0023/HA	Kyle Maylard	Highways Agency	N/A	None	No comment.	Noted	None
CSRPO/0027/SE	Dave McGuire	Sport England	N/A	Support	Support the recognition of the role that accessible sport and recreation facilities can have in tackling gaps in health and well being in the borough and reducing obesity.	Comments welcomed and noted	None
CSRPO/0053/HPC	John Robinson (Parish Clerk)	Hurworth Parish Council	N/A	Support / Comment	Should be more activities and amenities for youth. There is a strong desirability for residents to be able to utilise the facilities within the comprehensive school. This school is about to be rebuilt through government grants, and we would like the CS to address the following: Include a MUGA and Youth Club within the grounds and facilitate the use of these amenities, along with tennis courts and other amenities in out of school hours.	CS18 supports the protection and appropriate enhancement of sport and recreation facilities and requires all new facilities to have secure community use to ensure the community can use the facilities outside school hours. Requirement for specific facilities are too detailed for this document; these issues should be raised during any planning application consultation for the new school.	None
CSRPO/0035/GONE	Mary Edwards	Government Office for the North East	N/A	Objection	Object to CS18 as it conflicts with PPG17 Para 4 which states "Assessments and audits will allow local authorities to identify specific needs and quantitative or qualitative defects or surpluses of open space, sports and recreation in their areas. They form the starting point for establishing an effective strategy for open space, sport and recreation at the local level, and for effective planning through the development of appropriate policies in plans." Para 8.2.5 refers to a shortfall in provision of 18.5 junior football pitches in the Borough but CS18 does not clearly address this issue.	Noted	CS18 will be amended to make reference to helping deliver the Darlington Playing Pitch Strategy and the Darlington Sports and Recreation Facilities Strategy.
CSRPO/0027/SE	Dave McGuire	Sport England	N/A	Support / Objection	Support the recognised importance of promoting quality, accessible sport and recreation facilities within the CS. Support the translation of the principle of a hierarchy of sports facilities aligned to a 'hub and spoke' network of facilities into CS18. Table 8.2 is intended to illustrate the hub and spoke model of built sports facilities provision, in Darlington but lacks the clarity of table 8.1. To work properly, the left hand column should give examples of sites at the respective level. The right hand column should illustrate at each level of provision the primary and ancillary facilities and access/management arrangement that characterise the level of provision.	Noted	Amend Table 8.2 accordingly.