



Newark and Sherwood Amended Core Strategy DPD

MATTER 17 – CORE POLICY 10

**Statement on behalf of Newark and
Sherwood District Council**

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Question 17: Does Core Policy 10 demonstrate a proportionate response to issues around climate change?

17.01 Core Policy 10 reflects national policy and should therefore be considered proportionate. The policy has always been proportionate and most of the changes are minor amendments that simply bring the policy up to date. One main modification (MM/0007) is suggested in response to comments from the Environment Agency (EA) [Representor 031]. This will make the policy more robust in terms of flood risk.

Amend 5th bullet point of Core Policy 10 to read:

Where appropriate having applied the Sequential Test move on to apply the Exceptions Test, in line with national guidance. In those circumstances where the wider Exceptions Test is not required proposals for new development in flood risk areas will still need to demonstrate that the safety of the development and future occupants from flood risk can be provided for, over the lifetime of the development; and

17.02 The first and second bullet points are consistent with paragraph 97 of the NPPF that refer to the increased use and supply of renewable and low carbon energy. The third bullet point is consistent with paragraph 94 that refers to the adoption of proactive strategies to mitigate and adapt to climate change and paragraph 97 as above. The fourth bullet point is consistent with paragraph 100 that refers to the avoidance of inappropriate development in areas at risk of flooding. The fifth paragraph is also consistent with the NPPF and it is here that the main modification (MM/0007) suggested by the Environment Agency (EA) [Representor 031] will be added to strengthen the policy. The sixth bullet point is consistent with paragraph 103 which refers to the application of flood risk assessment when determining planning applications.

17.03 Persimmon Homes [Representor 041] imply that new standards are being introduced by this policy. This is not the case – the point concerning efficiency ‘in the consumption of energy, water and other resources’ that they refer to is carried forward unchanged from the Adopted Core Strategy (CS/04). The Planning Advisory Service Core Strategy Review (CS/25) concluded that this was consistent with national policy.