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Vision aims and spatial strategy

Question 1

Q1 Agree aims LDP2:

The aims of LDP2 are in the main fine but the Growing Economy aims should cover the whole of the Borders and not be confined to the railway corridor, indeed there is an argument that extra resource should be available for areas outwith the railway corridor.

The 5% not covered by superfast broadband rollout by the end of 2018 will undoubtedly be outside the railway corridor and it will therefore continue to be at a disadvantage.

Growing our economy

Question 2

Q2:

Alternative option 1 is the most flexible and this should be pursued.

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Question 3

Settlement business allocated:

If there are opportunities to develop new business, of a size and scale to suitable, in farms and rural communities that are outwith the zoned industrial land this

should be encouraged with the aim of bringing or securing employment in rural areas.

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Business Use Towns:

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Question 5

Land delivery effectively:

Infrastructure is paramount to encourage business development.

Fast broadband for rural areas, good roads connecting to Edinburgh, Newcastle and Carlisle combined with a skilled workforce, reasonable rents and rates will encourage startup companies and encourage inward investment.

Question 6

Agree?:

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Planning for housing

Question 7

Housing agree?:

Following a review of the MIR we write to support the inclusion of AEDNA011 as an option for housing in the Scottish Borders Local Development Plan 2 Main Issues Report (MIR).

The area detailed in the MIR shows good connection in terms of placemaking between Ednam and existing housing at Cliftonhill and the site is well located to provide a successful and sustainable area of growth for Ednam. The predicted 31% rise in the population over 75 will bring a requirement and demand for houses that are suitable for this age group. They will need to be sustainable and efficient in terms of energy and space and be in communities that have access to the services and activities required to keep the population fit and active. Ednam is such a village. To ensure that there is a good mix of demographics there will be a need for housing that is suitable for starter homes, family homes and general market homes.

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Question 8

Housing countryside:

We disagree with the preferred option.

We strongly support the alternative option.

Individual houses in the countryside of good design and location are to be welcomed.

The effect of Brexit may drive an increased need for farm diversification and the alternative proposal provides some flexibility for the provision of rural housing.

The average age of farmers is over 60 and in order to allow succession for a younger generation new sustainable housing is required and the alternative proposal will help.

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Question 9

Agree removed housing :

Supporting our town centres

Question 10

Core Activity Areas:

High quality and vibrant town centres are important drivers in bringing tourism to the area as well as servicing the local community.

The need for core activity areas should be monitored and in towns such as Gala which is not performing thought should be given to removing this as has been applied to Hawick.

Question 11

Berwickshire supermarket:

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Question 12

Develop contrib town:

Where the towns need a boost thought should also be given to removing the need for developer contributions for small local business. Large chain stores should still have to pay developer contributions.

Delivering sustainability and climate change agenda

Question 13

Support alternative option:

Sustainability must be a key component of any decision making and we support the Council's approach.

Question 14

National park:

A National Park linking up with the Northumberland National Park may bring benefits in tourism and inward development, but the proposal raises more threats than opportunities and unless these threats are dealt with the concept should not be supported.

The Scottish Borders countryside is a working and naturally evolving landscape which has been looked after successfully by farmers and land managers to date with out the need for special designation. This landscape must not be preserved as in a museum but allowed to grow and change as it has done in the past. Extra bureaucracy, planning and restrictions on development would be counter productive and should not be allowed. Running and park management should involve local people and control should not be centralised.

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Regeneration

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Agree redevelopment:

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Settlement Map

Question 16

Oxnam settlement:

Question 17

Core frontage Newcastleton:

Planning policy issues

Question 18

Agree amendments appendix3:

PMD4.

Development boundaries should not be cast for ever and be used to constrain the communities they surround. They must be flexible to allow development to

occur in a measured sustainable manner.

ED9.

Support for district heating schemes is to be welcomed.

HD2.

We do not support the preferred option for housing in the countryside but support the alternative proposal as at Q8.

Any other comments

Question 19

Other main issues:

Investigation into working with other authorities to bring the development of a 'Borderland' route along the line of 'route 500' in the north of Scotland. This would help increase the profile of the whole area and drive revenue to our towns and tourism business.

Landowner details

Have you submitted any site suggestions in this consultation?

No

If yes, please confirm the site and provide the landowner details (if known) for each site you have suggested.: