Core Strategy Focused Changes
January 2013
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1 Introduction

1.1 The Council is preparing a series of new planning documents to create a Local Plan for Rotherham. The Core Strategy, prepared around a vision for the future development of the borough for the next 15 years, sets out a “spatial” strategy identifying the towns and settlements where new housing schemes and land to support new industry and business are required. Provision will also be made for retail, leisure and supporting community facilities, as well as green infrastructure. It also sets out the strategic policies to make all this happen, taking into consideration potential environmental impacts and the implications of climate change. A supporting Sites and Policies document will show specific development sites and contain policies to guide the release of land and design of new development.

1.2 The Council consulted on the Publication Core Strategy from 25 June to 6 August 2012. Reviewing the representations received has allowed the Council to re-assess its Core Strategy. Chapter 3 of this document sets out the Council’s Focused Changes to the Publication Core Strategy which it considers would improve the clarity and presentation of the document. The Council is consulting on these changes prior to submission of the Core Strategy to Government. All representations received, along with the Council’s response will be submitted to the Inspector appointed to undertake examination of the Core Strategy.

1.3 Each Focused Change in chapter 3 has been given a reference number. The changes are listed in the same order as the text of the Publication Core Strategy which can be viewed through our consultation portal (using the link below). Amendments proposing new text are shown in **bold and underlined** and those proposing the deletion of text are shown struck through. Where it is considered helpful the full text of any policy / paragraph that is suggested for amendment is also set out. The Reason for Amendment section outlines why the changes are being suggested.

The Council is now seeking your views on the Focused Changes. Representations are invited in relation to the ‘legal compliance’ and ‘soundness’ of the Focused Changes but **NOT** the Publication Core Strategy itself. This is **NOT** an opportunity to repeat or raise further points about the original plan, or to seek further changes. Please read the guidance notes in chapter 2 before submitting your representations.

The representation period commences on 14 January and we must receive your representations by **5pm on 25 February 2013**. We would encourage you to provide your representations via our online consultation portal at [http://rotherham.limehouse.co.uk/portal/](http://rotherham.limehouse.co.uk/portal/). A guide to using the consultation portal is also available.

1.4 All objections which have already been duly made to the Publication Core Strategy will be forwarded to the Inspector appointed to undertake the independent examination of the Core Strategy. **Therefore there is no need to re-submit any documentation again.** Before commenting on the Focused Changes in this document you may wish to view the Council’s response to representations received on the Publication Core Strategy, which will also be forwarded to the Inspector. These are available through our consultation portal at [http://rotherham.limehouse.co.uk/portal/](http://rotherham.limehouse.co.uk/portal/)
1.5 Hard copies of this consultation document are available to view during normal opening hours in all libraries and customer service centres across Rotherham, along with copies of the Publication Core Strategy. Libraries also provide free internet access, allowing you to view this consultation online, view comments received and submit your own comments via our consultation portal using the link below.

1.6 Further information on the Core Strategy and previous consultation documents can be found on our website at www.rotherham.gov.uk/localplan

1.7 If you have any queries regarding this consultation or would like further advice regarding making representations you contact us using the details below:

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2 Guidance Notes for Making Representations

Introduction

2.1 All representations should be made using our online consultation portal, or on the representation forms which are available at libraries and customer service centres, and on request from Planning Policy using the contact details in chapter 1.

2.2 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (the 2004 Act) states that the purpose of the examination is to consider whether the Development Plan Document (DPD), in this case the Core Strategy, complies with the legal requirements and is ‘sound’. This consultation period is not an invitation to make general comments; representations should only relate to ‘legal compliance’ or ‘soundness’ as detailed below.

- If you are seeking to make representations on the way in which the Local Planning Authority (LPA) has prepared the Core Strategy (as per the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012) it is likely that your comments or objections will relate to a matter of legal compliance.
- If it is the actual content on which you wish to comment or object it is likely it will relate to whether the Core Strategy is ‘sound’ i.e. positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

2.3 In order to ensure that all representations received can be dealt with as effectively as possible each separate representation you wish to make should be made on a separate copy of Part B of the representation form. This does not apply when comments are submitted using our online consultation portal.

Legal Compliance

2.4 The Inspector will first check that the Core Strategy meets the legal requirements under s20(5)(a) of the 2004 Act before moving on to test for soundness. You should consider the following before making a representation on legal compliance:

2.5 The Core Strategy should be within the current Local Development Scheme (LDS) and the key stages should have been followed. The LDS is effectively a programme of work prepared by the Local Planning Authority (LPA), setting out the Local Development Documents (DPDs) it proposes to produce over a 3 year period. It will set out the key stages in the production of any DPDs which the LPA propose to bring forward for independent examination. If the Core Strategy is not in the current LDS it should not have been published for comments. The LDS is available at Rotherham’s main offices, and on the Council’s website at www.rotherham.gov.uk/localplan

2.6 The process of community involvement for the Core Strategy should be in general accordance with the LPA’s Statement of Community Involvement (where one exists). The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is a document which sets out a LPA’s strategy for involving the community in the preparation and revision of Local Development Documents and the consideration of planning applications. Rotherham’s Statement of Community Involvement is available at Rotherham’s main offices, and on the Council’s website at www.rotherham.gov.uk/localplan

2.8 The LPA is required to provide a Sustainability Appraisal Report when they publish a DPD. This should identify the process by which the Sustainability Appraisal has been carried out, and the baseline information used to inform the process and the outcomes of that process. Sustainability Appraisal is a tool for appraising policies to ensure they reflect social, environmental, and economic factors. The Council published a Sustainability Appraisal alongside the Publication Core Strategy, which is available on our website at www.rotherham.gov.uk/localplan

2.9 The Council is in the process of preparing an updated Sustainability Appraisal report which will accompany submission of the Core Strategy and will take account of the Focused Changes and any amendments as a result of consultation representations, however this does not form part of the current Focused Changes consultation.

2.10 The Core Strategy should have regard to national policy.

2.11 The Core Strategy must have regard to any Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) for its area (i.e. county and district). The SCS is usually prepared by the Local Strategic Partnership which is representative of a range of interests in the LPA's area. The SCS is subject to consultation but not to an independent examination.

Soundness

2.12 To be sound the Core Strategy should be:

Positively prepared

2.13 This means the Core Strategy should have been prepared based on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements, including unmet requirements from neighbouring authorities where it is reasonable to do so and consistent with achieving sustainable development

Justified

2.14 This means that the Core Strategy should be founded on a robust and credible evidence base involving:

- Evidence of participation of the local community and others having a stake in the area
- Research / fact finding: the choices made in the plan are backed up by facts

2.15 The Core Strategy should also provide the most appropriate strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives. These alternatives should be realistic and subject to sustainability appraisal. The Core Strategy should show how the policies and proposals help to ensure that the social, environmental, economic and resource use objectives of sustainability will be achieved.
Effective

2.16 This means the Core Strategy should be deliverable, embracing:

- Sound infrastructure delivery planning
- Having no regulatory or national planning barriers to delivery
- Delivery partners who are signed up to it
- Coherence with the strategies of neighbouring authorities

2.17 The Core Strategy should also be flexible and able to be monitored. The Core Strategy should indicate who is to be responsible for making sure that the policies and proposals happen and when they will happen. The plan should be flexible to deal with changing circumstances, which may involve minor changes to respond to the outcome of the monitoring process or more significant changes to respond to problems such as lack of funding for major infrastructure proposals. Although it is important that policies are flexible, the Core Strategy should make clear that major changes may require a formal review including public consultation.

2.18 Any measures which the LPA has included to make sure that targets are met should be clearly linked to an Annual Monitoring Report. This report must be produced each year by all local authorities and will show whether the Core Strategy needs amendment.

Consistent with national policy

2.19 The Core Strategy should be consistent with national policy, however there is no need to repeat guidance where an issue is already covered by national planning policy. Where there is a departure, LPAs must provide clear and convincing reasoning to justify their approach. If your representations on the Focused Changes propose a different policy approach to that in national policy you should clearly set out what the local circumstances are that justify this and support your assertion with evidence.

General advice

2.20 If you wish to make a representation seeking a change you should make clear in what way the Focused Change in question is not sound having regard to the legal compliance check and four tests set out above. You should try to support your representation by evidence showing why the Focused Change should be changed. It will be helpful if you also say precisely how you think the Focused Change should be changed. Representations should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested change, as there is unlikely to be a subsequent opportunity to make further submissions based on the original representation made. Following submission of the Core Strategy for examination, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

2.21 Where there are groups who share a common view on how they wish to see the Core Strategy changed, it would be very helpful for that group to send a single representation which represents the view, rather than for a large number of individuals to send in separate representations which repeat the same points. In such cases the group should indicate how many people it is representing and how the representation has been authorised.
2.22 Please be aware that any representation made cannot be treated as confidential. As well as being sent to the Secretary of State, copies of all representations made to the council will be made available on the Council’s website. However, only your name and the comments you have made will be made public.

2.23 Please note that comments may be rejected where they are defamatory, obscene or racist or otherwise likely to cause offence.
# 3 Focused Changes

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## Preface

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### Introduction

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<td>Paragraphs 1.0.1 to 1.0.8</td>
<td>1.0.1 The Council is preparing a series of new planning documents to create a Local Plan for Rotherham. This Core Strategy has been prepared around a vision for the future development of the borough <strong>for the next 15 years</strong> taking us to 2028. <strong>This is the culmination of extensive public engagement which has shaped the document.</strong> 1.0.2 The Core Strategy sets out a &quot;spatial&quot; strategy identifying the towns and settlements where new housing schemes and land to support new industry and business are required. Provision will also be made for retail, leisure and supporting community facilities, as well as green infrastructure. It also sets out the strategic policies to make all this happen, taking into consideration potential environmental impacts and the implications of climate change. A supporting Sites and Policies document will show specific development sites and contain policies to guide the release of land and design of new development.</td>
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1.0.3 The Core Strategy and supporting Sites and Policies document, along with the adopted Joint Waste Plan, will eventually make up Rotherham’s statutory development plan - replacing the current Unitary Development Plan.

1.0.4 In essence, the Core Strategy will guide what development is needed, how much is required, where it should go, and when it should happen.

1.0.5 We have prepared this Core Strategy Publication Version which we intend to submit to Government for independent examination. This is the culmination of previous public engagement in preparing Rotherham’s Core Strategy. Most recently, from July to September 2011, we consulted on a Draft Core Strategy. All comments received during previous public consultations have been taken into account and have shaped the document.

1.0.6 Before we can adopt the Core Strategy the Government needs to be satisfied that our plan is sound and legally compliant. This will be the focus of the independent examination. We now need your views on these issues:

1.0.7 More information on the types of issues you can comment on relating to soundness and legal compliance are available on our website. Comments not relating to these issues can still be made but are unlikely to be as effective as part of the examination.

1.0.8 1.0.5 Further information on the Core Strategy and previous consultation documents Rotherham’s Local Plan can be found on our website at: http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/localplan

1.0.9 1.0.6 You can contact us at:

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Reason for amendment
To improve clarity by ensuring that the introductory text is appropriate for the version of the Core Strategy to be adopted.

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<td>The aim of achieving sustainable development sits above all policy guidance. The Core Strategy is based on the principles set out in national guidance and plays a very important role in achieving sustainable development. The Government’s current position on sustainable development is set out in ‘Guidance on Sustainability Appraisal Planning advisory Service (PAS), (2007) and the Sustainability Appraisal Advice Note (PAS, 2010). Sustainable development is a key global and local issue. A commonly used definition of sustainable development is set out below:</td>
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**Rotherham now**

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<td>Paragraph 2.0.8</td>
<td>Rotherham town centre, Parkgate Shopping Park and Cortonwood Retail Park are the main shopping centres in the borough. Much work has been carried out in the town centre through the Town Centre Initiative and Rotherham Renaissance, which aims to transform the town centre and waterfront areas over the next 20 years. There are attractive pedestrianised and landscaped areas and a redeveloped Centenary Market. The Council’s new civic hub along with the new football stadium for Rotherham United Football Club has regenerated the former Guest and Chrimes industrial site at the heart of Rotherham's urban area.</td>
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Early work on the development of the Core Strategy identified five distinct spatial ‘sub regions’ or zones within the borough (see Map 2 ‘Spatial Planning Zones’), using the distinct differences in travel to work patterns as an evidence base.

**Reason for amendment**

To remove confusion regarding the role of Spatial Planning Zones within the Core Strategy. These zones have informed Core Strategy preparation however the hierarchy set out in Policy CS1 is settlement based. The Core Strategy makes no further reference to the Spatial Planning Zones.

**Challenge and opportunities**

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<td>The population of Rotherham is projected (ONS 2010-2008-based sub-national population projections) to increase by an additional 17,200 people or a 6.7% increase (below the national average) between 2010 and 2028. Most age groups show relatively small changes with some of the working age groups actually experiencing slight falls. However the most significant demographic change is projected in the number of residents aged over 65 years with an estimated increase of almost 17,000 people or 61% between 2010 and 2028, reflecting the national trend of an</td>
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ageing population due to increasing in life expectancy. Those over 85 will increase at an even higher rate, with an additional 5,2008,100 people or a 83%74% increase. These increases have obvious serious implications for health and social care provision which will need to expand continually to meet rapidly rising demand from the anticipated additional 16,70016,900 residents aged 65+. They will also have implications for the location of new development and supporting amenities. As people get older they become more dependant on all elements of mobility creating a greater reliance on demand responsive transport and access to public transport for social amenities.

Reason for amendment

To reflect the updated data release showing latest 2010 population projections and changes in age groups.

Replace Figure 1 with updated version based on 2010 population projections

Reason for amendment

To reflect the updated data release showing latest 2010 population projections and changes in age groups.

An attractive well maintained environment is an important element in the quality of life for residents - in Rotherham over 10% of the borough is covered by woodland, there are six Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and six Local Nature Reserves together with numerous listed buildings, conservation areas and historic sites, including 37 Scheduled Ancient Monuments. Rotherham has a rich historic environment which makes an important contribution to the distinct identity of its towns, villages and rural landscapes. Unfortunately, many of these assets including key listed buildings, Scheduled Ancient Monuments and Conservation Areas are currently under threat. In addition, the scale of development needed to meet the assessed development needs of the Plan area could, potentially, also threaten the area’s heritage assets. However, the historic environment of Rotherham can play a key role in helping to deliver the wider economic and social objectives of the
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<th>plan and it is, therefore essential that it is properly conserved and enhanced. Any development must try to protect and enhance these important features and attributes.</th>
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<td>Based on discussions with English Heritage.</td>
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|   |   | Increased demand on our water supplies from new development and new homes will add to the pressure on our water resources. Reducing water use will lead to less water treatment, delivery and collection, all of which use energy. Flooding is likely to become more severe and regular in the future - a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment of the borough has been undertaken to ascertain the scale of the flood risk. Rotherham is built on the confluence of two rivers, the Don and the Rother, and areas around Rotherham town centre are particularly liable to flooding. A higher flood risk across the borough will act as a constraint to future development without flood defence measures such as the Flood Alleviation scheme at Templeborough. **However flood risk should be avoided wherever possible and flood defences should only be considered where development in areas at risk of flooding cannot be avoided.** |
| **Reason for amendment** |   |   |
To provide clarity regarding flood risk and the development of flood defences.

**Our vision and strategic objectives**

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| 15                | Paragraph 4.1.1                         | Amend third paragraph of the vision: ...

Significant development will also take place in Principal Settlements for Growth: in the north around Wath, Brampton and West Melton, on the fringe of Rotherham Urban Area at Wickersley, Bramley and Ravenfield **Common**, and in the south-east at Dinnington, Anston and Laughton Common...

**Reason for amendment**

To clarify that the settlement grouping of Wickersley, Bramley and Ravenfield Common does not refer to the village of Ravenfield, which lies to the north of the settlement grouping.

| 16 | Paragraph 4.2, strategic objective 1 | By the end of the plan period, sufficient new homes and employment opportunities and a choice of development sites will have been provided to meet **objectively assessed development needs** the borough’s projected needs against locally derived targets for house building and provision of employment land. |

**Reason for amendment**

To improve clarity regarding meeting the borough’s development needs.

| 17 | Paragraph 4.2, strategic objective 2 | In implementing the plan's spatial strategy over the plan period, the wider aims of national Green Belt policy will have been safeguarded while a borough-wide review will have |

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<td>By the end of the plan period, the majority of new development will have been located in or on the edge of sustainable urban locations, close to transport interchanges and within transport corridors. Wherever viable and most sustainable, previously developed land will have been used first. Car dependency and the need to travel will have been reduced by the promotion of mixed use developments and higher housing densities and mixed use developments in appropriate locations, travel planning and public transport improvements.</td>
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<td>By the end of the plan period, the plan's &quot;town centre first&quot; approach to development decisions will have improved the economic viability and vibrancy of Rotherham Town Centre as the borough's principal location for business, commerce, culture, leisure, town centre uses and civic activities. The plan will have supported the aim of providing a community stadium as close to Rotherham town centre as possible. The implementation of a retail and settlement hierarchy will have steered new development to appropriate centres to sustain and, where appropriate, extend retail, leisure, employment and community services. Smaller local centres will have been sustained to continue provision for local daily needs.</td>
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| **20** | **Paragraph 4.2, strategic objective 11** | By the end of the plan period, the borough’s mineral reserves will have been identified and managed to provide for the needs of the construction industry and to meet Rotherham’s contribution towards the infrastructure, buildings, energy and goods that the country needs. In tandem with this, the use of recycled and secondary sources, sustainable site waste management practice and the use of sustainable building materials will have been increased by implementation of the plan’s policies. Sources of local building materials will have been safeguarded for conservation of the borough’s built heritage.  

**Reason for amendment**  
To provide clarity and consistency with Policy CS26 which acknowledges that there are a large number of potential end-users of minerals beyond those involved in construction. |
| **21** | **Table 2** | Re-number entries in column two 'Core Strategy Issues Addressed' to reflect insertion of new issue, and include reference to the new heritage issue against objective 18  

**Reason for amendment**  
To provide clarity following the addition of a new issue. |
| **22** | **Paragraph 4.3.7** | The draft Sheffield City Region Development Plan (August 2010) is focused on three 'Core Issues' where action is essential and appropriate at the City Regional level: Economy and Skills, Housing and Transport. These issues are fundamentally linked to one another and were reflected in the Sheffield City Region Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) proposal which was approved by the Government.  

**Reason for amendment**  
To reflect the role of the Local Enterprise Partnership |
| **23** | **Paragraph 4.3.8** | To achieve the vision it identifies a number of strategic priorities: |
• Support the growth of the Advanced Manufacturing and Materials (AMM) sector, including related Low Carbon Industries, that is pronounced across the City Region

• Meet employer skills needs and assist people to gain work in the private sector through increasing Apprenticeships focused on key sectors (AMM first) and creating innovative, private sector led employment programmes to help unemployed people and public sector employees, to retrain if needed and to access private sector jobs.

• Attract and retain business investment to expand growth and employment, through continuing the successful ‘Key Account Management’ approach that builds relationships with large businesses and investors and responds to their needs.

• Devolve national housing budgets and powers to the City Region, and invest in shared multi-area priorities, including a low carbon retrofitting programme in the Dearne Valley in line with its Eco Vision.

• Improve access to Robin Hood Doncaster Sheffield airport

• Enhance rail connections to key cities outside the City Region, especially to London, as well as to Leeds and Manchester.

• Improve public transport connections between Rotherham, Sheffield and Waverley, including through a Bus Rapid Transport system.

To achieve the vision the LEP identifies six key areas of activity:

• Investment and innovation in priority sectors: Advanced Manufacturing, creative and digital, low carbon industry, and healthcare. Other key sectors include aviation, tourism, retail, construction, culture, leisure and sport.

• Enterprise and business growth: specify and help deliver business support

• Skills and employment: An initial Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeship programme will be expanded later to cover other key sectors. A Joint venture partnership to be established to commission and allocate resources at City Region level
• Unlocking economic potential of key development areas: Including Don Valley and Waverley, Doncaster Sheffield Airport Growth Corridor and the Dearne Valley

• Improving international transport connections: Securing transport improvements to enhance access of the City Region’s firms to national and global markets, including Doncaster Sheffield Airport; increasing capacity/journey time for the Midland Mainline and the East Coast Main Line; deliver a high speed rail route to Sheffield; and enhance rail connections to other major cities e.g. Manchester and Leeds

• Housing and quality of place: Create a joint Regeneration and Housing Board to ensure investment is coordinated and responds to local priorities; and coordinate and prioritise investment in housing and place-shaping aimed at the most appropriate locations, and help improve our ability to attract and retain skilled workers.

Reason for amendment

To reflect the key areas of activity of the Local Enterprise Partnership

### Key diagram

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<td>Key Transport Corridors <em>(including Public Transport Corridors)</em></td>
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**Reason for amendment**

To provide clarity that the key transport routes shown include the key public transport corridors within Rotherham.
Amend the settlement housing percentage figures to reflect those in the proposed amendment to Policy CS1 (focused change number 28) as follows:

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<td>Dinnington East</td>
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**Reason for amendment**

To ensure consistency with Policy CS1
Delivering development in sustainable locations, covering Policy CS1 Delivering Rotherham's Spatial Strategy, Policy CS2 Delivering Development on Major Sites, Policy CS3 Location of New Development, Policy CS4 Green Belt and Policy CS5 Safeguarded Land.

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<td>26</td>
<td>Policy CS1</td>
<td>Insert new paragraph after first paragraph: Where new development cannot be accommodated in a sustainable way to meet the needs of the settlement as determined by the settlement hierarchy, then consideration will be given to identifying sites in other appropriate settlements within the same tier or within or on the edge of a higher order settlement before searching for sites in settlements of a lower order in the hierarchy.</td>
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|                    |                                          | Reason for amendment
|                    |                                          | To ensure that sufficient land in sustainable locations is allocated to meet identified development needs within the Borough. |
| 27                 | Policy CS1, table                        | Amend reference to Ravenfield to ‘Ravenfield Common’ |
|                    |                                          | Reason for amendment
|                    |                                          | To clarify that the settlement grouping of Wickersley, Bramley and Ravenfield Common does not refer to the village of Ravenfield, which lies to the north of the settlement grouping. |
| 28                 | Policy CS1, columns two                  | Settlement | Housing Provision |
|                    | ‘housing provision - percentage of borough’ | Percentage of borough requirement | Approx. number of dwellings |

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Amended to reflect the distribution of the housing undersupply in order to be transparent in the distribution of the undersupply across the Borough's settlements and to provide clarity as to where any deficit will be allocate.

| 29 | Policy CS1, table | Insert a note following the table to read:  
**The figures above are not ceilings. Windfalls on small sites will provide additional flexibility.**  
*Reason for amendment*  
To clarify that the figures provided are indicative and should not be considered as ceilings, and that future windfall sites will provide flexibility in terms of meeting development requirements. |

| 30 | Policy CS1, Bassingthorpe Farm section, first paragraph | Development will provide for around 2,400 new dwellings on site with around 1,700 new dwellings expected to be delivered in the Plan period (13% of Rotherham's housing requirement) with a mix of housing tenures, types and sizes. Around 11 hectares (5%) of Rotherham's employment requirement will be developed in this area.  
*Reason for amendment*  
To reflect the revised percentage in line with the proposed amendments to housing figures in Policy CS1 to take account of undersupply to 2008 (focused change number 28). |

| 31 | Paragraph 5.2.1 | Between 2013 and 2028 (the Local Plan period) Over the Plan period one of the most obvious features of growth will be new built development, whether this is new housing, economic development or community facilities and services. Core Strategy Policies CS6 Meeting the Housing Requirement, CS9 Transforming Rotherham's Economy, and CS12 Managing Change in Rotherham's Retail and Service Centres set out how much housing, employment and retail growth we are planning for. Policy CS1 establishes how this growth |
will be distributed around the borough; essentially setting out our spatial strategy for new development.

**Reason for amendment**

To improve clarity of wording.

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| 32        | Policy CS1 provides details of how new development will be distributed throughout Rotherham's settlements. The percentages and figures given are indicative and the precise amount of development to be delivered will be determined through the Sites and Policies Development Plan Document having regard to a range of factors including site availability, its deliverability and any known constraints. It should be noted that the housing figures provided relate to development between 2013 and 2028 and do not incorporate additional housing to meet any estimated under-supply from 2008 to 2013 (as set out in Policy CS6). This limited additional requirement, estimated to be 1,600 dwellings, will be distributed across Rotherham according to the housing distribution (percentage of borough target) set out in this Policy (CS1).

**Reason for amendment**

To clarify that the figures in CS1 have been updated to incorporate expected under-supply between 2008 and adoption of the Core Strategy. Whilst Policy CS6 refers to this under-supply it is considered that the changes to Policy CS1 will make the Core Strategy more transparent.

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In determining the site allocations in the Sites and Policies document consideration will be had to capacity within each of the settlement groupings to meet the identified development need. If there is insufficient capacity within a settlement grouping to meet the identified need then the identification of appropriate and sustainable sites will be undertaken within settlements within the same tier of the hierarchy or those higher order settlements before searching for appropriate sites within lower order settlements.
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| 5.2.16     | Amend the third bullet point:  
• Bramley, Wickersley and Ravenfield Common  
To clarify that the settlement grouping of Wickersley, Bramley and Ravenfield Common does not refer to the village of Ravenfield, which lies to the north of the settlement grouping. |
| 5.2.18     | However Dinnington cannot meet its identified housing target within the built community and therefore consideration has been given to developing in the Green Belt...  
To correct a typing error. |
<p>| 5.2.22     | Maltby and Hellaby, to the east of Junction 1 of the M18, is a self contained community with a significant level of service provision that serves a wider, predominantly rural, hinterland. It has significant services and facilities and is well located on the national highway network. Hellaby provides substantial employment opportunities at Junction 1 of the M18. To the east of Maltby the colliery is still in operation, although its future is currently uncertain. The potential closure of the colliery in the Plan period presents an opportunity to consider whether the site could contribute towards meeting some of the growth requirements in Maltby, which will be explored through the Sites and Policies document. Maltby is however physically constrained by the colliery site and its tip, the borough boundary with Doncaster in the north and... |</p>
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<th>significant ecological interest to the south. There are limited opportunities for new growth but where there are suitable sites these will be considered for potential development during the Plan period and allocated in the Sites and Policies Development Plan Document.</th>
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<td>Paragraph 5.2.38</td>
<td>Options for alternative urban extensions were also considered at Bramley, Ravenfield Common and Wath, Brampton Bierlow and West Melton as the principal settlements for growth. The alternative option for significant growth that has been assessed at Bramley / Ravenfield Common is located close to the local centre at Bramley which is served through a network of village streets and there is concern that the local road network could not support significant new growth will place additional pressure on the local road network. It is proposed...</td>
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<td><strong>Reason for amendment</strong> To clarify that the settlement grouping of Wickersley, Bramley and Ravenfield Common does not refer to the village of Ravenfield, which lies to the north of the settlement grouping. To clarify that whilst no traffic assessment or transport modelling has been undertaken in this locality, it is expected that significant new growth will place additional pressure on the local road network.</td>
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<td>38</td>
<td>Paragraph 5.2.42</td>
<td>The Sustainability Appraisal, in assessing potential alternative urban extensions, does not come to any final conclusions of the selection of the broad locations for growth. <strong>The Sustainability Appraisal of the Core Strategy has assessed potential alternative urban extensions, the conclusions from this sustainability appraisal and other evidence base information used to justify the selection of two broad</strong></td>
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**Reason for amendment**

To clarify the work undertaken to justify the two broad locations for growth identified in Policy CS 1 of the Core Strategy.

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<td>1,100, 1,300</td>
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<td>Bramley, Wickersley and Ravenfield Common</td>
<td>5%-6%</td>
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<td>2%-3%</td>
<td>300, 370</td>
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Smaller villages and Green Belt villages are not shown. The number of new homes to be built from 2012 to 2028, **over the Plan period**, in smaller villages is **150, 170** (1% of the Borough total).

Total for Dinnington, Anston & Laughton Common

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Total for Rotherham Main Urban Area

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70 emp. ha (30%)

**Reason for amendment**

To clarify that the settlement grouping of Wickersley, Bramley and Ravenfield Common does not refer to the village of Ravenfield, which lies to the north of the settlement grouping, to ensure consistency of title with other maps, and to ensure consistency with
other focused changes to reflect the distribution of the housing undersupply in order to be transparent in the distribution of the undersupply across the Borough's settlements and to provide clarity as to where any deficit will be allocated.

Amend to refer to Wickersley / Bramley / Ravenfield Common
Amend to include % sign after all figures
Amend last sentence of Strategy for Rotherham Urban Area:
“...will be provided as necessary to meet the needs of the emerging community...”
Amend column 4 'Housing distribution - % of new development' for each settlement to reflect the proposed changes to Policy CS1 (Focused Change number 28) as follows:

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<td>Table 3, Dinnington / Anston / Laughton Common, Strategy section</td>
<td>To improve clarity and ease of reading, to correct a typographical error, to ensure the housing figures are in line with the proposed changes to Policy CS1 and to clarify that the settlement grouping of Wickersley, Bramley and Ravenfield Common does not refer to the village of Ravenfield, which lies to the north of the settlement grouping.</td>
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<td>43</td>
<td>Policy CS2</td>
<td>Dinnington is identified as a principal town in the Regional Strategy. The Dinnington Settlement Grouping (Dinnington, Anston, Laughton Common) will continue to be identified as a principal settlement capable of accommodating significant growth at an appropriate level in the future. Dinnington has significant employment opportunities available locally, there is a college of further education and a modern transport interchange linking the wider rural hinterland to Rotherham--Sheffield--Worksop. <strong>Reason for amendment</strong> To remove reference to the Regional Strategy; the Council intends to submit the Core Strategy for examination following revocation of the Regional Strategy.</td>
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<td>44</td>
<td>Paragraph 5.2.55</td>
<td>Detailed masterplanning and the preparation of appropriate Design Codes will be required prior to the submission of any planning application, to bring forward the broad locations for growth in a coherent way to ensure that all new development meets the aims of the borough Spatial Strategy... <strong>Reason for amendment</strong> To reflect the delivery section to this policy (paragraph 5.2.55) that includes reference to the preparation of Design Codes. The Council will work with landowners and developers in preparing masterplans and Design Codes where necessary to guide the delivery of future development proposals in a coherent and timely manner. Refer to policy CS 28 Sustainable Design for more guidance.</td>
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| |  | Masterplans and Design Codes will ensure that detailed planning applications meet the over-arching vision for the site and ensure the delivery of appropriate infrastructure in a timely manner.  
**Reason for amendment**  
To ensure the preparation of Design Codes as a means of delivering well designed and appropriate development on major sites. |
| 45 | Paragraph 5.2.67 | Rotherham’s Green Belt covers approximately 65% of the borough and regulates the growth of urban areas...  
**Reason for amendment**  
To correct a drafting error. The Green Belt within Rotherham covers approximately 72% of the borough, rather than 65%. |
| 46 | Policy CS3, first paragraph | In allocating and determining which sites are the most sustainable, for the purposes of phasing, in the Sites and Policies document as described in Policy CS6, regard shall be given to the following considerations:  
**Reason for amendment**  
To clarify the relationship between Policy CS3 and Policy CS6 |
| 47 | Policy CS3 point ‘f’ | Maximising the opportunities for new development to make a positive contribution to local character and distinctiveness and ensuring that sites create a coherent built form, minimising the impact on heritage assets and the open countryside is minimised  
**Reason for amendment** |
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<td>To clarify that this refers to future, as yet unknown windfall sites</td>
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<td>To clarify that other factors not encompassed by this list may be taken into account.</td>
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<td>New development will have an impact on the quality, character and amenity of the locality or local area and in choosing locations for new development considerations needs to be given to which sites will have potentially positive effects on the character of the locality and which have the least negative impacts and what potential for the mitigation of this impact.</td>
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The spatial development strategy seeks to create sustainable communities by concentrating new development in and around existing urban areas and it determines the amount of development for each area. The location of new development is important not only at a strategic level but also in relation to how it contributes to and affects existing communities and the wider environment. In choosing new sites for development a number of things need to be taken into consideration to ensure that communities will grow in a sustainable way. This policy sets out which the key factors which will be taken into account in selecting the location of particular sites for development although this list is not exhaustive.

The suitability of proposed windfall sites for which planning applications are submitted development shall also be assessed against the above criteria.

Policy CS3, last paragraph

Reason for amendment

To better accord with paragraph 131 of the NPPF and Paragraph 5.2.63 of the Core Strategy

The NPPF requires planning policies to seek to[Local Plan policies to protect and enhance] the quality, character and amenity value of the countryside and urban areas. In our natural, built and historic environment. This Policy recognises that new development will have an impact on the quality, character and amenity of the locality or local area and in choosing locations for new development considerations needs to be given to which sites will have potentially positive effects on the character of the locality and which have the least negative impacts and what potential for the mitigation of this impact.
of negative impacts exists. New development sites should *promote local distinctiveness, integrate new development into the natural, built and historic environment*, be in locations that minimise the impact upon, and where possible improve and make a positive contribution to local character and distinctiveness and to the existing surrounding urban areas and countryside as well as the wider environment.

**Reason for amendment**

To reflect the requirements of the NPPF in the selection of sites and the impact new development will have on the locality.

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<td><strong>The broad extent of changes to the Green Belt will be considered in the following locations:</strong></td>
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<td>• Two broad locations for growth are identified at Bassingthorpe Farm on the north western edge of Rotherham Urban Area, and at Dinnington East, which will be removed from the Green Belt; the detailed Green Belt boundaries will be defined in the Sites and Policies document DPD and accompanying Proposals Policies Map.</td>
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<td>• Consideration will be given to a limited review of the Green Belt in other locations, as necessary, to deliver the spatial growth strategy established in CS1 and to ensure the long-term sustainability of all communities.</td>
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**Reason for amendment**

To clarify that the Green Belt Review will be undertaken throughout the Borough as necessary to meet housing and employment needs.
| Paragraph 5.2.71, first sentence | The **Strategic** Green Belt Review provides an understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the existing Green Belt designations, plus a consideration of wider sustainability issues, so that through our work we can provide recommendations to **will review and amend** the Green Belt **boundary** as appropriate.

**Reason for amendment**

To improve clarity and use more appropriate terminology |
|---|---|
| Paragraph 5.2.73 | Delete paragraph.

The regeneration function of the Green Belt will also be maintained (even though land has been removed from the Green Belt) by the use of timing/phasing criteria relative to the supply of land for housing and employment. Phasing policies promote the re-use first of existing urban land.

**Reason for amendment**

Rotherham’s Green Belt has aided regeneration within the older urban areas over the life of the current Unitary Development Plan, it is anticipated that a detailed Review of the Green Belt will only release sufficient land to meet identified needs in the next Local Plan period. The amended Rotherham Green Belt will continue to aid the regeneration of the older urban core areas and promote the re-use of existing land whilst maintaining a healthy supply of land to meet employment, housing and other supporting service needs and maintain a balanced economy. |
| Paragraph 5.2.75 | The difficulties and inconsistencies caused by the tightly drawn boundaries of the Green Belt around some parts of the borough, as shown in the Unitary Development Plan, are also recognised. The Green Belt in some locations follows irrational, arbitrary lines, or features on the Ordnance Survey Mapping, which bears no relationship to circumstances locally or features on the ground. Therefore, it is also considered appropriate to make minor alterations to the Green Belt boundary during the review process, in order to remove... |
irregularities and to take account of circumstances on the ground. It should be noted that these are not intended to facilitate development or meet housing needs, but to provide a realistic and pragmatic approach to the defensible Green Belt boundary of the Green Belt throughout the borough.

**Reason for amendment**

To correct typographical error and improve clarity of wording

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**Reason for amendment**

To clarify the extent of safeguarded land which will be identified in the Sites and Policies document

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**Reason for amendment**

To clarify that consideration may also need to be given to identifying Safeguarded Land in other locations, not just the alternative urban extensions. If sites are appropriately located in terms of the current hierarchy and sustainability and constraints assessments but are not needed in this Plan period to meet the housing and employment needs identified in the settlement hierarchy in policy CS1, then consideration could be given to identifying these sites as Safeguarded Land. As such it is considered that map 6 is no longer required. Furthermore in conjunction with the detailed review of Green Belt...
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| 57 | Paragraph 5.2.78, insert at end of paragraph | ...To ensure the continued protection of safeguarded land within this Plan period the policy makes it clear that the principles of protection enshrined in national Green Belt policy will apply. Further guidance will be provided through the Sites and Policies document. Policy CS5 identifies the broad areas of search for Safeguarded Land. Consideration may need to be given to identifying Safeguarded Land in other locations in the borough as part of establishing a defensible Green Belt boundary.  

**Reason for amendment**  
To clarify the approach to identifying safeguarded land in line with focused change number 51 above. |
| 58 | Paragraph 5.2.81 | Safeguarded Land will be identified in the Sites and Policies Development Plan Document. On Review of the Development Local Plan consideration will be given to the need to allocate for Safeguarded Land to be allocated for development to meet future development needs in the next Plan period from 2028. At that time technical assessment of the suitability of sites, including consideration of their sustainability credentials, will be undertaken.  

**Reason for amendment**  
To clarify the approach to the potential future use of safeguarded land. |
| 59 | Map 6 | Delete map 6  

**Reason for amendment**  

To promote flexibility it is considered appropriate to remove the map which highlighted potential urban extensions considered in previous sustainability appraisal work, acknowledging the fact that other areas could be suitable for safeguarded land, in addition to those currently identified on map 6, as clarified in focused changes 51 and 56 above.

**Creating mixed and attractive places to live**, covering Policy CS6 Meeting the Housing Requirement, Policy CS7 Housing Mix and Affordability, and Policy CS8 Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation

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| 60                | Policy CS6                               | Sufficient land will be allocated in the Sites and Policies document DPD to meet Rotherham’s housing requirement of 850 net additional dwellings per annum or 12,750 for the period 2013 to 2028, plus any shortfall in the delivery against that annual target from April 2008 to adoption of the Core Strategy March 2013, taking into account existing commitments and allocations. The following principles will be applied to the allocation and release of these sites:

a. New allocations will be distributed according to the Spatial Strategy set out in Policy CS1 Delivering Rotherham’s Spatial Strategy

b. In each settlement site allocations shall be made that would promote sustainable growth, having regard to the criteria laid down in Policy CS3 Location of New Development

c. Allocations will normally be released according to the phasing set out below, subject to maintaining a five year (plus 20%) supply of deliverable sites:

i. Development within the broad locations for growth identified in Policy CS1 Delivering Rotherham’s Spatial Strategy will be supported from 2018*after the first five years of the plan period*. Development in these locations prior to 2018*within the first five years of the plan period* will only be supported where this is required to meet the supply of deliverable sites set out above.
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| 61   | 5.3.5     | The Council will allocate sufficient housing land in the Sites and Policies document to ensure that the identified housing requirement for the plan period is met. The proportion of new housing that will be provided in each area is set out in Policy CS1. **The overall requirement and individual settlement targets should not be considered as ceilings.** Enough new housing land will be allocated in each settlement to ensure that these proportions are met. The housing requirement will be met not only through new housing allocations but also through the development of sites that have already been identified or released for development. These sites include those which already have planning permission, known as commitments, and those remaining Housing allocations which we still consider to be sustainable. Future windfalls will also be taken into account, for the first five years, where there is compelling evidence to do so. ...  

**Reason for amendment**

To correct a typographical error and clarify that targets should not be considered as ceilings  

| 62   | 5.3.6     | The particular sites which will be allocated in each area will be selected in light of the criteria in Policy CS3 **from among those identified as developable and deliverable by the SHLAA.** The Government’s policy is to ensure that housing is developed in suitable locations contributing to the sustainable growth of communities. The NPPF states that |
|   |   | plans should, where reasonable to do so, create patterns of development that facilitate the use public transport, cycling and walking and also to aim for a balance of land uses, in an area, to encourage people to minimise journey lengths...

**Reason for amendment**

To clarify the fact that the criteria in Policy CS3 will only be applied to those sites that have already been identified as deliverable or developable in the SHLAA.

|   |   | For years 6 to 10 of the plan period, and years 11 to 15 where possible Local Planning Authorities must identify enough land to meet the requirement either as specific developable sites or areas broad locations for growth. Sheffield/Rotherham SHLAA demonstrates that there is a potential supply of deliverable and developable sites well in excess of the 15 year requirement. Accordingly, the Core Strategy identifies enough land to meet the requirement for the full 15 year period.

**Reason for amendment**

To correct a typographical error.

|   |   | Development within the broad locations for growth at Bassingthorpe Farm and East of Dinnington is not expected to be required within the first five years of the plan period; sites in other locations will be sufficient to meet the five year housing land supply. However in order to ensure flexibility Policy CS6 indicates that development in the broad locations for growth will be supported before 2018, within the first five years of the plan period where it is demonstrated that this is required to meet the borough’s required supply of deliverable sites. More detailed guidance regarding the phasing of sites not within the broad locations for growth will be set out in the Sites and Policies document DPD to allow, where appropriate, the prioritisation of the most sustainable sites.

**Reason for amendment**
To provide greater clarity as to when development within the broad locations for growth will be supported and to clarify why the phasing policy is in place.

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**Reason for amendment**

To demonstrate that the Council is willing to co-operate with Sheffield City Council and other local authorities in the Sheffield City Region, under the Localism Act's Duty to Co-operate.

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| **Housing Trajectory**

The housing trajectory below illustrates expected housing delivery over the Plan period taking account of past rates of housing completions and conversions. It shows:

- Past dwelling completion rates from 2008;
- Projected completion rates until 2028, based on contributions of the various components of housing supply. This includes existing allocated sites, existing commitments as well the assumption that future allocations in the Local Plan will be managed to meet future requirements;
- The annual housing requirement and
- The average annual target at any given year, taking into account previous completion rates (known or assumed, as appropriate). This figure is calculated by taking the total number of dwellings in the remaining requirement, divided by the number of years remaining. |
The trajectory reflects analysis of the various components that will make up future housing supply and the delivery timescales, using evidence provided by the Joint Sheffield / Rotherham Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA).

**Reason for amendment**

To illustrate expected housing delivery.

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| 68 | Paragraph 5.3.13 | **Reason for amendment**  
We want to make sure that new housing development contributes to creating sustainable communities meeting the diverse needs of present and future residents of the borough. This means that we must ensure that new development creates a wide choice of high quality homes, both affordable and market housing; new development has to be of the right mix of housing types to address the requirements of the whole community over the longer term as well as the requirements of the market at the time of the application. Housing choice also has a part to play in ensuring that the borough is attractive to those wishing to re-locate to Rotherham which in turn can contribute to inward investment.  
**Reason for amendment**  
To acknowledge the fact that developers will always need to address the demands of the market. |
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| 69 | Paragraph 5.3.17 | **Reason for amendment**  
Insert full stop at end of second sentence.  
**Reason for amendment**  
To correct typographical error. |
| 70 | Paragraph 5.3.18 | The Council's Housing Viability Study 2011 examined the impact of various levels of affordable housing on the viability of housing development across the borough and demonstrated that 25% would be a realistic level for larger sites and that commuted sums of up to £20,000 per dwelling could be achieved on smaller sites. **Any justification to provide anything less than these amounts will need to be based on robust evidence. Any site viability assessment required as part of this evidence is expected to be carried out at the developer’s expense. Among other things,** |
The study factored in an allowance of £7,000 per dwelling for other possible contributions such as infrastructure costs. For larger sites the Council requires provision of affordable units on site. On sites of 15 dwellings or more, off-site provision or a financial contribution of broadly equivalent value will only be allowed where it can be robustly justified and the agreed approach contributes to the objective of creating mixed and balanced communities. The Council does however acknowledges that, with smaller sites, it can be impractical to provide units on site and will allow either units on site or a commuted sum in lieu of this.

**Reason for amendment**

To provide clarity regarding the justification of lower contributions and that other possible contributions were taken into account as part of the viability assessment. To clarify the fact that, although on site provision is normally required, alternative provision may be acceptable in some circumstances.

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**Supporting a dynamic economy**, covering Policy CS9 Transforming Rotherham's Economy, Policy CS10 Improving Skills and Employment Opportunities, Policy CS11 Tourism and the Visitor Economy, Policy CS12 Managing Change in Rotherham's Retail and Service Centres, and Policy CS13 Transforming Rotherham Town Centre

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|   |   | 1. Allocating sufficient land in the Sites and Policies DPD to meet Rotherham's employment land requirement of 230 hectares of land for business and industrial development and 5 hectares of land for office floorspace for the Plan period 2013 to 2028 in accordance with the Spatial Strategy set out in Policy CS1 Delivering Rotherham's Spatial Strategy. These allocations will support employment growth in sustainable locations and meet modern economic requirements.  
**Reason for amendment**  
To clarify that the employment land requirement is for the Core Strategy plan period |
|---|---|---|
| 73 | Policy CS9, criterion 6 | Insert space after ‘Dearne’  
**Reason for amendment**  
To correct typographical error |
| 74 | Paragraph 5.4.3 | Rotherham benefits from excellent road, rail and air infrastructure and the local economy enjoys strong links with a number of its neighbouring authorities, particularly within the South Yorkshire sub-region where there is a long history of partnership working. As part of the Sheffield City Region there will be opportunities for the links with our neighbours to be built upon to improve employment opportunities within Rotherham, and access to jobs for Rotherham's residents. **A supportive public transport network will assist by encouraging sustainable travel and social inclusion.** Policy CS14 sets out how we will support accessible places and manage demand for travel, alongside supporting improvements to public transport infrastructure (CS16, CS17 and CS32).  
**Reason for amendment**  
To provide clarity as to how the Core Strategy recognises and supports the public transport network in relation to supporting sustainable economic growth. |
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<td>The Council will work with its partners to improve skills in all of Rotherham’s communities through the promotion of access to training, education and local employment opportunities. <em>Where appropriate and viable the Council will seek to enter into a local labour agreement with applicants and developers</em> Planning conditions, obligations and other mechanisms will be used to improve the links between local communities, developers and employers by: ...</td>
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<td>Policy CS10 sets out how we will seek to build on this progress by working with our partners to promote education, training and local employment opportunities. The Economic Plan also recognises that the move to a high-value-added and knowledge-based economy requires a major commitment from businesses and will require the close co-operation of employers. We will therefore look for new developments to contribute through the provision of education and training opportunities <em>where this is appropriate and viable</em>. We will also look for new developments to promote employment opportunities for local people. It is recognised that these could include opportunities both at the construction phase of development, and in subsequent occupation.</td>
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*Reason for amendment*
To reflect the proposed new policy wording of CS10
| 78 | Paragraph 5.4.26 | These opportunities could be provided in a variety of ways, including direct provision of training or employment, or through financial contributions and could be achieved through planning conditions, obligations and other mechanisms. **The Council will seek to deliver these opportunities by entering into a local labour agreement with developers and applicants.**  
**Reason for amendment**  
To reflect the proposed new policy wording of CS10 |
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| 79 | Paragraph 5.4.28 | This Policy will be delivered **by seeking to enter into local labour agreements with developers and applicants** through the determination of planning applications, including the negotiation of planning obligations where appropriate. The Council and its partners will continue to support and explore funding opportunities to improve skills and training opportunities, and access to employment. A Supplementary Planning Document providing more detail of how Policy CS10 can be implemented will be produced.  
**Reason for amendment**  
To reflect the proposed new policy wording of CS10 |
| 80 | Policy CS12, 3rd paragraph | ... However subject to satisfying other requirements of this policy, convenience goods floorspace proposals will be supported at Wickersley / Bramley (up to 1,500 sqm gross).  
**Reason for amendment**  
To correct a drafting error |
| 81 | Policy CS12, sequential approach and Impact assessment sections | **The Sequential Approach**  
Proposals for town centre uses on the edge of or outside of designated centres will only be permitted where it can be demonstrated that:
a. there is a need for the development, and

b. sites within and then on the edge of town, district or local centres have been assessed and it can be demonstrated that they are not available, suitable or viable for the proposed development, and then

c. in the case of bulky goods floorspace, the availability, suitability and viability of vacant premises in retail parks to accommodate the proposed development has been assessed.

Impact Assessment

Proposals for town-centre retail, leisure or office uses of 500 sq m gross or above, on the edge of or outside of designated centres, must be accompanied by an assessment of

d. the impact of the proposal on existing, committed and planned public and private investment in centres in the catchment area of the proposal; and

e. the impact of the proposal on the vitality and viability of centres, including local consumer choice and trade; and

f. whether the proposal is of an appropriate scale (in terms of gross floorspace) in relation to its surroundings and, where proposals are in edge-of-centre locations, the size of the centre and its role in the hierarchy of centres.

Proposals of up to 5000 sq m gross should consider the impacts within a 10 minute drive time of the proposal site. Proposals of 5000 sq m gross or above should consider the impacts within a 15 minute drive time of the proposal site. Applicants should agree with the Local Planning Authority the scope of the evidence and analysis to be submitted to ensure that this is proportionate to the scale and nature of the proposal.

Reason for amendment

To ensure that the policy aligns with national planning policy and to clarify the requirement for bulky goods proposals to also consider the potential for vacant units within retail parks to accommodate proposed development.
To meet forecast needs, we will plan to accommodate 9,000 sqm gross of convenience goods floorspace. Provision will also be made to accommodate 11,000 sqm gross of comparison goods floorspace, comprising 3,000 sqm gross of non-bulky goods floorspace and 8,000 sqm gross of bulky goods floorspace. Although the evidence base indicates a significant level of over-trading in the bulky goods sector, greater qualitative need for bulky goods floorspace, it also notes that much of this which is derived from over-trading at existing out of centre retail parks. **However it is considered that there is no evidence of a material qualitative need for additional bulky goods floorspace provision beyond the 8,000 sqm identified above, particularly given the existing bulky goods provision within the borough including vacant units as well as extant planning consents it is considered more appropriate not to plan to meet all of the qualitative need.** As set out in Policy CS1 the majority of retail floorspace need will be focused on Rotherham town centre, however up to 1,500 sqm gross of convenience goods floorspace will be supported at Wickersley / Bramley.

**Reason for amendment**

To clarify the reasons for the level of bulky goods retail floorspace which the Core Strategy plans for.

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The borough includes a number of retail parks where vacant retail units could accommodate the requirements of bulky goods floorspace. The re-use of vacant floorspace is, in most cases, likely to be preferable to the creation of new floorspace which is not within or on the edge of defined centres. In the interests of efficient land use, criterion b. requires that in the case of bulky goods development after following the sequential approach in criterion a. consideration will be given to the availability, suitability and viability of vacant premises to accommodate the proposed development.

**Reason for amendment**

To clarify the intention of criterion c. of Policy CS12 (to be renumbered to criterion b.)
| 84 | Paragraph 5.4.48 | Where **retail, leisure or office** development of **500 sqm gross or above** is proposed on the edge of or in out of centre locations an impact assessment will also be required. **This threshold does not imply that proposals above 500 sqm gross are of an inappropriate scale or that they should not receive planning permission.** The assessment will be commensurate with the scale of proposed development. Smaller developments up to 5000 sqm gross floorspace should assess impacts within a 10 minute drive time of the proposal site. Acknowledging that larger developments will have greater impact over a wider area, proposals for developments of 5000 sqm or above should assess impact within a 15 minute drive time. **Applicants should agree with the Local Planning Authority the scope of the evidence and analysis to be submitted to support any application, particularly in respect of the sequential and impact test requirements, to ensure that this is proportionate to the scale and nature of the proposal.** In all cases the Council encourages early engagement with applicants to agree the scope of evidence and analysis to be provided.

**Reason for amendment**

To clarify that that the impact test will apply to retail, leisure and office use only in line with national guidance, and to be consistent with the proposed re-wording of Policy CS12.

| 85 | Policy CS13, first paragraph | Rotherham town centre is and will remain the borough’s primary retail, leisure, **cultural** and service centre. The Council and its partners are committed to delivering town centre regeneration through developments that improve the quality and diversity of retail and other town centre uses, promote sustainable urban living, support opportunities for learning, reinforce the distinct identity of the town, encourage the re-use of vacant floorspace, enhance the public realm, and address social deprivation.

**Reason for amendment**

To provide clarity regarding the scope of Policy CS13 with regard to objective 5 and the guidance set out in the NPPF.
The former Guest and Chrimes site has been brought back to life through the development of Riverside House, a new civic hub which provides office space, access to Council services and a new library and art space. Much of the remainder of the site and adjoining land, excluding the Listed Building, provides a new stadium, bringing Rotherham United Football Club back to the heart of the town. There is potential for further development in this location to make the most efficient use of the site. Given its location it will be important to ensure that any further development does not compete with, but complements Rotherham town centre. Proposals will therefore be supported where they are well integrated with adjoining uses and can be shown to support the vitality and viability of the town centre. **Whilst the Listed building presents a constraint to development, it may also provide opportunities for interesting forms of development which respond to the site’s context. There is also potential for development in this area to assist in conserving and providing a sustainable future for the Listed building.**

**Reason for amendment**

To recognise the presence of the former Guest and Chrimes building as both a constraint and an opportunity for development in this location.

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**Movement and accessibility**, covering Policy CS14 Accessible Places and Managing Demand for Travel, Policy CS15 Key Routes and the Strategic Road Network, Policy CS16 New Roads, Policy CS17 Passenger Rail Connections, and Policy CS18 Freight

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| 88   | 5.5.11    | This Policy will be delivered through the allocation of sites for development in the Sites and Policies DPD and through the determination of planning applications. More detailed policies will be provided through the Sites and Policies document DPD. **Through the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, Rotherham will benefit from South Yorkshire’s allocation of nearly £30 million for projects focused on carbon-friendly economic growth.**

**Reason for amendment**

To reflect the contribution that the Local Sustainable Transport Fund would make to the delivery of Policy CS14. |
| 89   | Map 9: Key Routes and the Strategic Road Network | Amend legend to read “Motorways ([Strategic Road Network](#))”

**Reason for amendment**

To provide clarity that ‘Strategic Road Network’ refers to the motorways within Rotherham |
| 90   | Policy CS16 | Include a new numbered bullet point:

5. **M1 J32 – 35 Managed Motorways.**

**Reason for amendment**

To provide clarity, following confirmation from the Highways Agency, that this scheme will commence within the plan period. |
| 91   | Paragraph 5.5.23 | The Department for Transport have offered support (in 2011) for the Waverley Link Road and the A57 Todwick to M1 road schemes on the premise that both enable regeneration in deprived areas on employment sites formerly occupied by the coal industry. **Whilst the Department for Transport has decided not to support funding for the Waverley Link Road (in 2012) a further bid for funding could be made within** |
the next Comprehensive Spending Review period (post 2015). Its significance is reflected by its inclusion in the Sheffield City Region Transport Strategy (2011-26) as a scheme to support the regeneration and economic growth of the City Region. Developer contributions already received towards the scheme will be safeguarded for a period of 15 years, and will be available if other funding streams are secured at a later date. The M1 J32-35 Managed Motorway scheme will include permanently converting the hard shoulder to a running lane. Most other long term road based projects from the former UDP have been reviewed by the Council and subsequently amended to reflect the principles of sustainable travel or abandoned entirely.

**Reason for amendment**

To provide clarity regarding the current status of the Waverley Link Road and the M1 J32-35 Managed Motorway Schemes.

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<td>There are a number of other potential road schemes which may come forward in the future, however they are not expected to be delivered within the Plan period. These include: <strong>M1 J28-31 Managed Motorways</strong>, M1 Widening (J28-31) &amp; M18 Widening (Highways Agency Project), M1 (J31-35) Active Traffic Management Proposals (Highways Agency Project); Northern Orbital (A6123/B6089), Dearne Towns Links to Employment, and A57 Todwick to borough Boundary.</td>
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**Reason for amendment**

To provide clarity regarding the current status of planned road schemes and correct terminology.

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<td>To clarify that the Council will support new park and ride facilities where appropriate as well as improvements to existing facilities; in line with Policy CS14 which supports park and ride where other sustainable travel choices cannot deliver similar benefits.</td>
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<td>5.5.28</td>
<td>Rotherham is served by local rail services only although these provide links to East and West Coast Mainlines services at Doncaster and Sheffield Stations. There are around 3 direct hourly services to Sheffield with an additional service at peak times. Doncaster Rotherham is served by 2 trains per hour to Doncaster with one hourly service to Leeds. Some peak hour trains suffer from overcrowding and are susceptible to delays related to line capacities and bottlenecks.</td>
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<td>5.5.32</td>
<td>The Department for Transport has announced plans to trial the country’s first tram-train route between Sheffield and Rotherham in South Yorkshire. Subject to funding, it is hoped the service could start within the lifetime of the Local Plan: <strong>The Department for Transport has confirmed funding for plans to trial the country’s first tram-train route between Sheffield and Rotherham. Electrification of part of the national rail network will allow for services to operate from Parkgate Shopping Park travelling through Rotherham Central Station and joining up to the existing Supertram network at Meadowhall where the services will then continue onwards to Sheffield City Centre. The route is expected to commence operation in 2015 and the pilot will run for two years with a view to permanent operation.</strong></td>
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**Reason for amendment**

To correct drafting errors.

To provide clarity regarding the current status of the tram-train pilot project.
Amend the first paragraph of Policy CS18 to read:

The Council will promote improvements to the freight network accruing from strategic road and rail improvements especially for links to the Humber Ports and the north via the M1/M62 Active Traffic management Managed Motorways proposals.

Reason for amendment
To provide clarity regarding the correct terminology of the managed motorways proposal.


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<td>Policy CS19, first sentence</td>
<td>Rotherham’s Green Infrastructure network of Green Infrastructure assets, including the Strategic Green Infrastructure Corridors will be conserved, extended, enhanced, managed and maintained throughout the borough.</td>
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<td>Suggestion from Natural England, giving more clarity. Rewording is putting more emphasis on the green spaces that make up the network than just the conceptual corridors.</td>
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<td>98</td>
<td>Policy CS19, fourth paragraph</td>
<td>Developer contributions will be used to facilitate improvements through quality, robustness, establishment, enhancement, and the ongoing management of Rotherham’s Green Infrastructure, investing in enhancement and restoration where opportunities exist and the creation of new resources where necessary.</td>
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| 99 | Policy CS19, bullet point c | Prioritising Green Infrastructure investment to those areas where net gains in the range of functions can be secured, where this would not cause significant harm to existing functions such as habitats for wildlife. **Investment in Green infrastructure will be prioritised to increase functionality of individual assets and safeguard existing functions, such as habitats for wildlife**

**Reason for amendment**
To provide more clarity regarding the intention of the policy |
| 100 | Policy CS19, bullet point d | Improving connectivity from new developments *between* the identified corridors (especially those in close proximity to an identified corridor) to the Strategic Green Infrastructure network and providing buffering to protect sensitive sites.

**Reason for amendment**
To provide more clarity regarding the intention of the policy |
| 101 | Paragraph 5.6.3 | Amend 5.6.3, third bullet point to include reference to veteran trees as follows:

Nature conservation sites, habitat creation schemes, heritage assets including veteran trees and ecosystems.

**Reason for amendment**
To acknowledge that veteran trees are green infrastructure assets |
<p>| 102 | Paragraph 5.6.4 | Amend 8th and 12th bullet points to remove full stops at end of phrases |</p>
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<td>Increasing accessibility <strong>to natural green spaces</strong> and into and out of the urban core to the outlying rural areas. <strong>Reason for amendment</strong> To provide greater clarity and emphasis on accessible natural greenspace throughout the borough.</td>
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<td>5.6.9, last sentence</td>
<td>Detailed descriptions for each of the Strategic Corridors, explaining the main features and functions, indicators and identified key opportunities are available from via the Natural England Web Site at: <a href="http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/regions/yorkshire_and_the_humber/default.aspx">http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/regions/yorkshire_and_the_humber/default.aspx</a> <strong>Reason for amendment</strong> To provide a more enduring reference for further information as website addresses may not remain the same over the Plan period</td>
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<td>5.6.10, last sentence</td>
<td>The full South Yorkshire Green Infrastructure Strategy and Master Plan is available from via the South Yorkshire Forest website: <a href="http://www.syforest.co.uk/projects.php?p=273">http://www.syforest.co.uk/projects.php?p=273</a> <strong>Reason for amendment</strong> To provide a more enduring reference for further information as website addresses may not remain the same over the Plan period</td>
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| 106 | Paragraph 5.6.14 | The Council will work with partners, developers, the private sector and agencies to deliver Green Infrastructure and collaborate with adjacent local authorities to ensure that Rotherham's Green Infrastructure assets complement and link with cross boundary Green Infrastructure network and corridors. The Policy will be delivered through the determination of planning applications. Planning conditions will be set and planning obligations (S106) should be sought both to deliver a developments in line with this policy and for funds to enhance Green Infrastructure corridors. Off sites contributions may be required. The Sites and Policies-DPD will set out more detailed guidance. **Site specific and more strategic Green Infrastructure will be delivered through developer contributions comprising S106 obligations and CIL where appropriate.** In due course, Rotherham may also develop a Supplementary Planning Document which sets out the Local Green Infrastructure Strategy for Rotherham, to build on the South Yorkshire Green Infrastructure Strategy at local and neighbourhood scales, responding to the challenges and opportunities of the local area. Consideration will be given to the adoption of the South Yorkshire Green Infrastructure Strategy as a Supplementary Planning Document.

**Reason for amendment**
To improve clarity of the Core Strategy

| 107 | Paragraph 5.6.16 | The Council will seek to produce clear guidance to developers on contributions expected, targets and standards as appropriate. A Supplementary Planning Document may be adopted to set out Green Infrastructure requirements in more detail. In due course, Rotherham may also develop a Supplementary Planning Document which sets out the Local Green Infrastructure Strategy for Rotherham, to build on the South Yorkshire Green Infrastructure Strategy at local and neighbourhood scales, responding to the challenges and opportunities of the local area. Consideration will be given to the adoption of the South Yorkshire Green Infrastructure Strategy as a Supplementary Planning Document.

**Reason for amendment**
To improve clarity of the Core Strategy
c. Conserving and enhancing populations of protected and identified priority species by protecting them from harm and disturbance and by promoting recovery of such species populations to meet national and local targets;

d. Conserving and enhancing sites and features which have demonstrable biodiversity and geodiversity value, including woodland, important trees, hedgerows, watercourse, caves, crags and structures, but which are not included in designated sites;

**Reason for amendment**

To better indicate the scale and direction of conservation action supported by this policy.

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Biodiversity and geodiversity are hugely important in their own right and together form our natural environment and the ecosystem services which provides us with the essentials for life and underpins our health, wellbeing and prosperity...

**Reason for amendment**

To provide clarity of the importance of the natural environment.

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....In terms of National natural Character Area much ...

**Reason for amendment**

To correct a typographical error.

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National biodiversity priorities have been used to inform the Yorkshire and Humber Biodiversity Strategy and Delivery Plan (2009) which set targets for the creation and expansion of priority habitats. The Yorkshire and Humber Biodiversity Forum has also produced a regional Biodiversity Opportunity Areas map (2009), shown on Map 12 'Regional Biodiversity Opportunities', which provides a framework of core areas where focused and co-ordinated biodiversity action will have the greatest benefits and will contribute...
| 112 | Paragraph 5.6.34 | towards the targets identified in the Strategy and Delivery Plan. The extract shows the identified biodiversity opportunity areas that occur in Rotherham; however, as the areas are designed to consider landscape-scale biodiversity activity they extend over the RMBC boundary into neighbouring authority areas.

**Reason for amendment**
To provide clarity regarding the actions to be supported.

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| 113 | Paragraph 5.6.57 | ...The regional Biodiversity Opportunity Areas map will be used as a starting point for the development of local biodiversity opportunity mapping, which, in conjunction with the local ecological network, will, support the preservation, restoration and re-creation of priority habitats, ecological networks, the protection and recovery of priority species populations and the protection of geological conservation interests ensure that national and regional priorities are fully addressed and integrated.

**Reason for amendment**
To provide clarity of purpose for the future direction of work.

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| 114 | Paragraph 5.6.61 | Insert space after ‘of’ in first sentence.
Insert space after ‘Registered’ in fourth sentence.

**Reason for amendment**
To correct typographical errors.

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| 115 | Paragraph 5.6.61 | Amendment to 5.6.61:
Policy CS21 will be delivered through the development management process via the determination of planning applications (including the use of planning conditions) and
developer obligations and CIL where appropriate, and also using a variety of measures: such as planning briefs, master plans, management plans, maintenance plans, and design codes as applicable to the development proposal. Criteria of Core Strategy Policy CS21 relates to larger schemes requiring site specific landscaping of a strategic or at least whole scheme benefit and does not include small, privately owned, domestic gardens. “Lifetime of the development” is as long as the development which has been permitted endures. More detailed guidance will be provided through the Sites and Policies document.

**Reason for amendment**

The Council is considering the application of Community Infrastructure Levy. Clarity on “lifetime” is given.

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| 115 | Policy CS22 | CS22 amend bullet points a, b and e:

a. Requiring development proposals to address gaps in provision and local deficiencies in accessible green space: **provide new or upgrade existing provision of accessible green space.**

b. Requiring developers to have **Having** regard to the detailed policies in the Sites and Policies DPD that will establish a standard for green space provision where new green space is required.

e. Requiring development proposals to put **Putting** in place provision for long term management of green space provided by development

**Reason for amendment**

To improve clarity of wording.

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| 116 | Paragraph 5.6.70 | Green space makes a valuable contribution to local communities and should not be sacrificed for development where it is required to fulfil a local green space need. **However,**
there are circumstances where development of green space would generate benefits for the local community that out weigh any loss. It may be appropriate that open space is developed where it is proposed to directly replace green space within the local area. Any such replacement should be equivalent to or better than the green space that is lost, in terms of its quality and accessibility. Similarly, it may be appropriate that part of a green space is developed if it secures improvements to the quality of the remaining open space.

Through local and neighbourhood plans local communities may identify Local Green Space (in line with the National Planning Policy Framework) for consideration by the Council for its incorporation into the Local Plan.

**Reason for amendment**

To improve clarity of wording and remove reference to detail which is more appropriately addressed through the Sites and Policies document.

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<td>The Policy will be delivered through the determination of planning applications. Further policies and detail on the expected standards and contributions to be achieved will be given in the Sites and Policies DPD. Through the process of development management, improvements to the quality and accessibility of open space will be achieved primarily through developer contributions comprising S106 obligations and CIL were appropriate. It is important that the Core Strategy is flexible. The type of green space that will be appropriate for different types of development will vary. Further detail will be given in the Sites and Policies document. Partnership arrangements with local organisations including Groundwork Dearne Valley may also be explored.</td>
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**Reason for amendment**

To improve clarity of wording

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<td>Two new buildings have been added to the statutory list.</td>
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<td>Paragraph 5.6.87</td>
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<td>These (along with the listed buildings) are detailed in national lists and registers which are made publicly available by the Council. Listed Buildings and Scheduled Monuments are afforded protection through national planning legislation and policy...</td>
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<td>Currently, Rotherham has conservation areas...</td>
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<td>Paragraph 5.6.88</td>
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<td>An additional Conservation Area (Letwell) has been designated.</td>
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<td>e. dispose of surface water appropriately according to the following networks in order of preference:</td>
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<td>Policy CS24</td>
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<td>To provide clarity that discharge into a watercourse will require the approval of the landowner and navigation authority to ensure the impact on any watercourse is considered...</td>
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<td>i. to an infiltration based system wherever possible (such as soakaways)</td>
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<td>ii. discharge into a watercourse with the prior approval of the landowner and navigation authority (to comply with part a. this must be following treatment where necessary or where no treatment is required to prevent pollution of the receiving watercourse.)</td>
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<td>iii. discharge to a public sewer</td>
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1 Mineral Safeguarding Areas

Mineral Safeguarding Areas will be defined around all deposits of coal, aggregate limestone (in the south-eastern part of the borough between Thorpe Salvin and Maltby), and brick clay (between Hellaby and Maltby), that are considered to be of current or future economic importance.

The purpose of Mineral Safeguarding Areas is to ensure resources are protected beyond the plan period, therefore in Mineral Safeguarding Areas there is no presumption that safeguarded resources will be worked but any potentially incompatible development should not sterilise underlying or adjacent mineral resources. All non-mineral development proposals within the Mineral Safeguarding Areas will be encouraged to extract any viable mineral resources present in advance of construction where practicable, and where this would not have unacceptable impacts on neighbouring uses.

Proposals for non-mineral development within the Mineral Safeguarding Areas (except for householder development and conversions/changes of use which do not involve any new building or excavation works) will be supported where it can be demonstrated that:

- a. the proposal incorporates the prior extraction of any minerals of economic value in an environmentally acceptable way; or;
- b. mineral resources are either not present or are of no economic value; or
- c. it is not possible to extract the minerals in an environmentally acceptable way or this would have unacceptable impacts on neighbouring uses or the amenity of local communities; or
- d. the extraction of minerals is not feasible; or
- e. the need for the development outweighs the need to safeguard the minerals for the future; or;
- f. the development is minor or temporary in nature; or
- g. development would not prevent the future extraction of minerals beneath or adjacent to the site
Where prior extraction is proposed supporting information should provide details of the extraction scheme.

**In addition, Mineral Safeguarding Sites will be identified which are used for or have the potential to be used for mineral transport or processing facilities, or for safeguarding against sensitive development which might constrain its continued or future use.**

**Reason for amendment**

To clarify that non-mineral development should have regard to sterilising mineral resources adjacent to as well as beneath the site, to note that mineral safeguarding sites will be identified, and to indicate that the criteria will apply to all development proposals except for householder developments and changes of use/conversions.

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<td>Natural Building Stone - Proposals for the extraction of <strong>building or roofing stone</strong> Rotherham Red Sandstone for notable building conservation and restoration projects will be considered on their merits in accordance with national planning policy. Applications for development within a former building or roofing stone quarry will be required to demonstrate that the mineral is not of sufficient quantity or quality to justify extraction or make provision for the removal of the mineral before development takes place.</td>
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<td>....The borough has had a significant history of mineral working activity dominated by coal mining. However, there is now only one deep mine remaining at Maltby producing high quality coal for coking and power station use, although its future is currently uncertain...</td>
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**Core Strategy Focused Changes**
To clarify the current status of the colliery following the recent announcement that it may be mothballed.

The presence of a MSA does not preclude other forms of development but provides an alert that minerals may be sterilised by proposed development. Conversely, there is no planning presumption that any areas within in MSAs will ultimately be acceptable for mineral extraction. Policy CS26 sets out how proposals for non-mineral development within a MSA will be considered; encouraging the prior extraction of minerals where this can be achieved in an environmentally acceptable way. Development which is of a minor or temporary nature will be acceptable, and for the purpose of this policy the Development Management classification of minor development will be adopted. Minor development will be considered as housing developments of between 1 and 9 dwellings or with a site size of less than 0.5ha, and for other uses, developments of less than 1000 sqm or with a site size of less than 1ha.

**Reason for amendment**

To reflect proposed amendments to part 1 of Policy CS26 which address concerns regarding the introduction of thresholds which could lead to mineral resources being sterilised without adequate consideration.

There are currently no opencast coal workings and only one remaining deep coal mine in the borough at Maltby, although its future is currently uncertain. The identification of coal safeguarding areas is not considered feasible due to the prejudicial effect on development of widespread coal deposits. Proposals for coal and related energy products such as the coal gasification, coal mine methane and coal bed methane will be assessed on their merits against all material planning considerations including regional and national policy.

**Reason for amendment**

To clarify the status of the colliery following announcement that it may be mothballed. It is acknowledged that the inclusion of the second sentence of paragraph 5.6.131 is an
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<td>5.6.137</td>
<td>Proposals for the extraction of building or roofing stone work Rotherham Red Sandstone will be considered on their merits in accordance with part 4 of Policy CS26 and national policy. Rotherham Red Sandstone may be the only source of stone currently being quarried, however there were other types of stone worked locally (such as Wickersley Rock and Cadeby Formation). English Heritage in association with BGS is in the process of completing a Project which will identify important historic quarries within the Region. This may, potentially, identify other sources of building stone (other than existing quarries) which the plan might need to safeguard. <strong>Reason for amendment</strong> To reflect the fact that there are other types of local stone aside from Rotherham Red Sandstone</td>
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<td>5.6.138</td>
<td>Maltby Colliery is the only remaining coal mine in the borough. The present owners acquired the mine in 2007 and are investing to access additional reserves that would allow the mine life to be extended as far as 2025 at current production levels. However, following recent exploration mine safety issues suggest that the mine may close during the Plan period. Through the Sites and Policies document consideration will be given to exploring the potential for alternative uses within this site to meet some of the borough’s growth requirements. Should the mine re-open within the plan period there could be a need for additional capacity for the disposal of colliery waste and there is likely to be additional opportunity for the capture of methane should the mine close. <strong>Reason for amendment</strong> To clarify the approach to the colliery following the recent announcement that the site may be mothballed.</td>
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Insert indicative plan showing the broad areas of mineral resources (surface coal, limestone and brick clay resources) within the borough.

**Reason for amendment**
This would provide greater context and clarity in the Core Strategy for the Mineral Safeguarding Areas to be identified through the Sites and Policies document.


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<td>a. the topography, landforms, Green Infrastructure assets, river and canal corridors, important habitats, waterways, woodlands, other natural features and open spaces that provide opportunities for an accessible choice of shade and shelter, recognise opportunities for flood storage, wildlife and people provided by multi-functional greenspaces.</td>
<td>b. views and vistas to landmarks and skylines into and out of Rotherham Town Centre and across Rotherham to the surrounding countryside</td>
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<td>c. heritage, townscape and landscape character including the height, scale, massing, density, layout, building styles and materials of the built form particularly (but not exclusively) in and around:</td>
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**Reason for amendment**

To clarify that applicants should take account of the identified factors when designing development proposals.

Policy CS29 supports the retention and where possible the enhancement of existing facilities, as well as the provision of new facilities which enhance quality of life and serve the needs of Rotherham's communities. In particular the provision of community facilities is supported in areas of housing growth where existing facilities may not meet the needs of the new population, and in locations where there is an identified deficit of community and social facilities.

**Reason for amendment**

To ensure consistency with the text of Policy CS29. More detailed guidance will be provided in the Sites and Policies document.
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<td>b. From 2016 - Detached houses to achieve <strong>at least a minimum standard of no more than</strong> 10 kgCO2/m2/yr; Attached houses to achieve <strong>at least a minimum standard of no more than</strong> 11 kgCO2/m2/yr; Low Rise Apartment blocks to achieve <strong>at least a minimum standard of no more than</strong> 14 kgCO2/m2/yr.</td>
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<td>Carbon compliance levels are applicable to the development as a whole and may be offset by <strong>allowable solutions</strong> (developer contributions). The developer may make a payment to an allowable solutions provider, who will take responsibility and liability for ensuring that allowable solutions, which may be small, medium or large scale carbon savings projects, to deliver the required emissions reductions.</td>
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<td><strong>Reason for amendment</strong></td>
<td>To comply with S106/CIL regulation.</td>
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| 137 | Policy CS30, Part 3, final paragraph. | Where it is not appropriate to incorporate such provisions within the development, an off site scheme, or contribution to such *(both of which could support centralised renewable energy schemes)* may be acceptable.  
**Reason for amendment**  
To include reference to centralised renewable energy schemes. |
| 138 | Paragraph 5.7.37 | Action to reduce the impact of climate change is therefore a key part of the overall vision of the Core Strategy and two key strands towards mitigating these impacts are through a reduction in carbon emissions and by increasing the amount of renewable energy produced. *This policy, allied to sustainable design (see Policy CS28) and management of the demand for travel (see Policy CS14), will play a significant role in attaining these ambitions.* Sustainable design (see Policy CS28) and management of the demand for travel (see Policy CS14) will both go towards reducing energy consumption and reducing emissions of CO₂, but these must be complemented by the generation of energy from renewable sources. |
| 139 | Insert new paragraphs after 5.7.38 | Taking account of the energy hierarchy, new buildings and conversions should in the first instance be designed and constructed to be energy efficient, in particular through using the principles of passive design, including high insulation levels, solar heating, natural lighting and ventilation, thermal mass and passive cooling.  
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**Having achieved a reduced energy demand through energy efficient design, the second stage is to consider the use of decentralised, renewable and low or zero carbon technologies.** The type of renewable energy is not prescribed but instead it is advocated that a range of technologies be explored choosing the one that gives the best environmental performance, is cost efficient and has no adverse impacts on the surrounding area.  
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In all cases flexibility will be exercised where viability and deliverability are critical factors, however, schemes are encouraged to seek higher standards ahead of the trajectory in this policy where viability allows. This policy aspect will be monitored closely and potentially reviewed in light of national policy and ongoing economic conditions with the underlying objective of ensuring as high a standard as possible is achieved. It is also envisaged that increased public awareness, technological advances and economies of scale will play an important role in achieving our stated aims.

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When it is considered that achieving the carbon compliance and renewable energy targets is unfeasible or unviable taking account of the development as a whole, evidence should be supplied demonstrating that the range of available technologies has been explored. In such circumstances, where a sufficient case is put forward a reduced figure may be negotiated or a contribution made towards off site carbon reduction schemes in lieu of part or all of the requirement. An energy statement should be submitted with the planning application explaining the approach to energy on the development.

**Reason for amendment**

To enable greater understanding of how the policy will be applied.

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| 141 | Paragraph 5.7.39 | To do this Policy CS30 seeks to provide a positive strategy to promote energy from renewable and low-carbon sources, and maximise renewable and low-carbon energy development while ensuring that adverse impacts are addressed satisfactorily.  
**Reason for amendment**  
Replaced by explanatory text to be inserted after paragraph after 5.7.38 |
| 142 | Paragraph 5.7.40 | Renewable energy generation technologies offer an effective means of mitigating climate change. The main sources of renewable energy are wind, solar, moving water, and heat extracted from the air, ground or water. These are all sources that are continuously replenished by nature. The Climate Change Act 2008 has committed the Government to reducing gas emissions by at least 80% by 2050, and reducing CO2 emissions by at least 26% by 2020, set against a 1990 baseline.  
**Reason for amendment**  
Replaced by explanatory text to be inserted after paragraph after 5.7.38 |
| 143 | 5.7.43 and Map 14 | Delete paragraph 5.7.43 and accompanying Map 14  
The mapped distribution of the renewable energy resource in Rotherham is given in the Energy Opportunity Plan at Map 14 ‘Energy Opportunity Map’.  
**Reason for amendment**  
To improve clarity as the map is of limited use given its scale in the Core Strategy, and is not directly referred to by the Policy. The map remains available as part of the Rotherham Low Carbon and Renewable Energy Study evidence base document. |
This policy will be delivered through the determination of planning applications, updating of building regulations and the Sites and Policies document will set out more detailed guidance.

Reason for amendment
To illustrate additional mechanisms for delivery.

*Infrastructure and implementation*, covering Policy CS32 Infrastructure Delivery and Developer Contributions and Policy CS33 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development

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<td>The overall levels and distribution of development included in this Strategy will require the provision of infrastructure as set out in the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule contained in Appendix A. The Schedule will be subject to regular review and update through liaison with providers reflecting the capacity and requirement at any point in time. Note the schedule is indicative and final requirements will be assessed on a site specific basis.</td>
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<td>Policy CS32</td>
<td>Development will be required to contribute to funding all or part of the items of infrastructure listed in the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule, through a combination of payments including a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and planning obligations (S106): The Council will work with infrastructure providers and developers to ensure timely delivery of infrastructure is provided to support growth. An assessment of the infrastructure required to support the delivery of the growth strategy is set out in the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule contained in Appendix A. The Schedule will be subject to regular review and update by the Council through</td>
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Development will be required to contribute to funding all or part of the items of infrastructure listed in the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule, through a combination of mechanisms such as a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and S106 Planning obligations. The Infrastructure Delivery Schedule is indicative and final requirements will be assessed based on the specific requirements stemming from each development, taking account of capacity and legislation concerning developer contributions.

It is acknowledged that in some instances there may be a need for negotiation and prioritisation of the overall developer contribution requirements (based on what is needed to make the development acceptable and what the development can afford to contribute). Any negotiation will need to take account of all policy requirements stemming from this plan, including requirements such as affordable housing and renewable energy generation.

Where there is a need to negotiate on the level of developer contribution, the onus will be on the developer to fund and submit an independent viability appraisal and valuation of costs. The appraisal should set out the residual land value based on policy compliant requirements, and additional scenarios should demonstrate the variations in contributions to achieve a neutral and positive residual land value.

This viability appraisal will be based on jointly agreed input assumptions (agreed by the Council and the developer). The developer will need to submit evidence of the amount paid for the land – noting that any abnormal payments beyond
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5.8.1 Creating sustainable communities is about providing the necessary supporting infrastructure’ which includes, amongst others, utility services (such as electricity, and gas, water, and sewerage), transport, schools, open space, green infrastructure, community, emergency services, flood protection, health and leisure, and ecosystem services. These services are provided by a range of organisations but provision needs to be integrated so it can meet the needs of existing and future communities.

5.8.2 A strategic policy on infrastructure and developer contributions is included to provide a framework against which future development is assessed. This policy aims to ensure that relevant infrastructure to accommodate development is provided in a timely and coordinated way to support the development process.

5.8.3 The Borough Council will work with infrastructure providers, particularly utility providers, adjoining authorities and delivery agencies, taking account of existing capacity and efficiencies in service delivery to support the future infrastructure requirements.

5.8.4 Funding for infrastructure will usually need to be secured from a range of sources but developers will be expected to contribute towards all or part of the cost of providing relevant infrastructure that is either directly related to the development or has a cumulative impact on strategic infrastructure. This contribution will be in form of direct provision on site, or via a financial provision for off site infrastructure. The mechanisms to enable this may include S106 agreements, Community Infrastructure Levy, or S278 agreements. The effect on the viability of development will be taken into account when assessing the level of contribution for infrastructure.
5.8.5 A detailed assessment of infrastructure capacity and requirements to meet the needs of the planned growth has been undertaken and is evidenced in the Rotherham Infrastructure Delivery Study 2012 prepared by Peter Brett Associates with input and liaison from relevant service providers. ‘Appendix A: Infrastructure Delivery Schedule’ summarises the key findings of the Infrastructure Delivery Study and sets out detailed schedules relating to infrastructure requirements, costs and project-related funding.

5.8.6 The plan takes account of the severe spending cuts currently faced by service providers but also captures the capacity created by the substantial new investment in a variety of infrastructure that has taken place in the last five years. This plan is specifically prepared with austerity and cost saving measures in mind, utilising existing capacity, phasing, claw back capacity from neighbouring areas, realignment of internal service boundaries and efficiencies in service delivery. Having said this, the plan requires new development to meet the majority of the site specific infrastructure requirements such as transport, education, health, community, recreational, green infrastructure and emergency services.

5.8.7 The infrastructure assessment has factored in the viability assessment of greenfield sites and their ability to contribute towards the required infrastructure. Account has also been taken of the changes stemming from the Planning Act 2008 in relation to the use of developer contributions (S106) for directly relevant infrastructure and the use of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contributions to support wider strategic infrastructure. The Council will avoid double funding from these sources, by issuing a Regs 123 list of relevant infrastructure for CIL (should the Council proceed with a CIL).

Delivery

5.8.8 The process of taking a coordinated, longer-term view of infrastructure requirements related to the proposed growth, has prompted a number of service providers to look at how this process can be continued internally and connected with other service providers. Guidance has been provided as part of the Infrastructure Delivery Study on developing a forum of key service providers to meet once or twice a year, in order to understand where growth is taking place, discuss any delivery issues, inform medium-term investment planning and look to innovative ways to meet future needs. As part of this process a mechanism will be introduced to strengthen the current cross border liaison with some service providers that are most likely to be affected.
5.8.9 There is a recognition that not all funding is in place. However, for a long-term strategic plan of this nature, the essential requirements to meet the immediate five year supply are in place, and a mechanism in place to continue to develop and review the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule to inform timely infrastructure requirements and highlight early warning of any potential future risks to delivery (so that plans can be put in place to address these):

5.8.10 The Schedule will be subject to regular review and update through liaison with providers reflecting the capacity and requirement at any point in time. Note the schedule is indicative and final requirements will be assessed on a site specific basis.

**Infrastructure Assessment**

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5.8.4 The borough Council will work with infrastructure providers, particularly utility providers, adjoining authorities and delivery agencies, taking account of existing capacity and efficiencies in service delivery to support the future infrastructure requirements. Considerable funding is needed for strategic infrastructure to be funded either by CIL, by infrastructure providers or grant applications to national government. The Council will work with infrastructure providers to seek to ensure such infrastructure costs are factored into various infrastructure providers’ asset management plans and support relevant infrastructure funding grant applications.

Developer Contributions

5.8.5 A strategic policy on infrastructure and developer contributions is included to provide a framework against which future development is assessed. This policy aims to ensure that relevant infrastructure to accommodate development is provided in a timely and coordinated way to support the development process.

5.8.6 Funding for infrastructure will usually need to be secured from a range of sources but developers will be expected to contribute towards all or part of the cost of providing relevant infrastructure that is directly related to the development or adds to the cumulative impact on strategic infrastructure. This contribution will be in form of direct provision on site, or via a financial provision for off site infrastructure. The mechanisms to enable this may include S106 agreements and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) (depending on the type of infrastructure).

5.8.7 The assessment informing this policy has been based on a clear understanding of the recent changes to developer contribution legislation stemming from the 2008 Planning Act and the 2010 Statutory Instrument on
Community Infrastructure Levy (as amended). If CIL is introduced, the Council will avoid double funding from these sources, by issuing a Regulation 123 list of relevant infrastructure for CIL.

5.8.8 Plan level viability has been undertaken to inform this assessment. The affordable housing viability assessment (Housing Viability Study, Affordable Housing Requirements on Large Sites, Volumes 1 & 2, 2012; Housing Viability Study, Affordable Housing Requirements on Small Sites, Volumes 1 & 2, 2012) undertook a series of scenario assessments to inform the affordable housing policy; and this included an assumption of £7000 per unit towards possible non-affordable housing developer contributions (noting these will vary for each application). As part of the infrastructure delivery study, a viability assessment was undertaken, which has been updated to a whole plan viability assessment.

5.8.9 It is important to note that the plan period is long term, however, viability assessments can only realistically be undertaken for the short term as it is not possible to predict what longer term ‘normal’ market conditions will be. The policy acknowledges this and clarifies that the effect of development specific viability will be taken into account when assessing the level of developer contribution at any point in time. There is scope to negotiate on the level of developer contributions, providing the final development is still acceptable in planning terms. The Council too will need to make important decisions relating to infrastructure priorities and these will vary with each development depending on what is already available in the area, capacity and local priorities.

Delivery

5.8.10 The Council will work with infrastructure providers, particularly utility providers, adjoining authorities and delivery agencies, taking account of existing capacity and efficiencies in service delivery to support the future infrastructure
There is recognition that not all funding to meet the infrastructure requirements is in place. Proactive action will be needed by the Council to manage the delivery of critical infrastructure, prioritisation by members, and coordination to ensure timely delivery of the most relevant infrastructure. Sections 23 and 24 of the Infrastructure Delivery Study outline the funding gap and the action needed to ensure delivery.

5.8.11 All plan policies relating to infrastructure delivery and funding are to be considered holistically as part of the Infrastructure and Developer Contributions policy to ensure consistency and avoid double counting.

5.8.12 The process of taking a coordinated, long term view of infrastructure requirements related to the proposed growth, has prompted a number of service providers to look at how this can be coordinated within the Council and connected with other service providers. Guidance has been provided as part of the Infrastructure Delivery Study on developing a forum of key service providers to meet once or twice a year, in order to understand where growth is taking place, discuss any delivery issues, inform medium term investment planning and look to innovative ways to meet future needs. As part of this process a mechanism will be introduced to strengthen the current cross boundary liaison with some service providers that are most likely to be affected.

5.8.13 For a long term strategic plan of this nature, the essential requirements to meet the immediate five year supply are in place, and a mechanism in place to continue to develop and review the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule to inform timely infrastructure requirements and highlight early warning of any potential future risks to delivery (so that plans can be put in place to address these). The Schedule will be kept under regular review and updated through liaison with providers reflecting the capacity and requirement at any point in time.
### Reason for amendment
To improve clarity in explaining the operation of Policy CS32

### Monitoring and implementation

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<td>Insert new paragraph after 6.0.1</td>
<td>The Core Strategy must be deliverable over the plan period. As far as possible the policies provide flexibility, recognising that circumstances may change over the next 15 years and situations may arise that the Council cannot foresee which influence the Core Strategy policies. The table below highlights the flexibility and / or contingency in place to mitigate the key risks associated with delivering the Core Strategy over the plan period.</td>
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**Risk**
- Lack of capacity within settlements to accommodate growth set out in CS1
- Development within the broad locations for growth cannot be delivered

**Contingency / flexibility**
Where new development cannot be accommodated in a sustainable way to meet the needs of the settlement as determined by the settlement hierarchy, then consideration will be given to identifying sites in other appropriate settlements within the same tier or within or on the edge of a higher order settlement before searching for sites in settlements of a lower order in the hierarchy.

In these circumstances the Council will adopt a plan, monitor and manage approach to meeting needs within the Borough. This approach will identify whether there is a shortfall in meeting the housing and employment needs in the Borough during the Plan period.
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<td>The Plan, Monitor, Manage approach will also enable windfall completions to be counted against the identified housing need.</td>
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<td>Where it is clear that there will be a problem in meeting the identified target within the Plan period and every effort has been made to overcome identified obstacles to delivery, including commencing development at other locations within the broad location for growth, negotiation with the land owner and developers, and this has not closed the gap in delivery terms, then consideration will need to be given to an early review of the Plan and the allocation of deliverable sites. The SHLAA will identify suitable sites that could potentially be allocated on a partial review of the Local Plan if there is a shortfall.</td>
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<p>| Difficulties encountered in delivering the infrastructure required to support the Core Strategy | The Council will investigate the potential for alternative funding streams to enable the appropriate level of infrastructure to be provided and will negotiate with landowners and developers to unlock any possible obstacles where this is possible. Consideration could be given to utilising the New Homes Bonus and the Community Infrastructure Levy to close essential gaps in the supply of appropriate infrastructure to meet the essential needs of the new and existing communities. |
| Under provision of housing / economic development | Although some sites may not come forward for development due to the current economic circumstances, any impact is largely considered to be in the short to medium term rather than extend across the full fifteen year plan period. The evidence base will continue to be regularly reviewed, while the Annual |</p>
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<td>Delivery of employment land is not as critical as delivery of housing numbers. The Council actively promotes economic regeneration and development within the borough but economic investment is difficult in the current fragile economy.</td>
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<td>Market improvement / rate of development improves significantly in future years</td>
<td>The Council could encourage higher density developments where appropriate which would increase capacity on development sites.</td>
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<td>The Council is committed to joint working with other authorities within the Sheffield City Region on future development provision. If future joint working indicate a need for further development then the Council will undertake an early review of the Plan.</td>
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<td>Current recession</td>
<td>The Council recognises the current fragile nature of the economy and that recovery over the short to medium term is expected to be modest. However, the Council considers that the Local Plan contains sufficient flexibility to adapt to changing economic circumstances, and acknowledges that if market recovery takes place faster than expected and monitoring indicates a need for additional land for development purposes, then an early review of the Local Plan will be required.</td>
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<td>Climate change</td>
<td>The recession could affect the quality of development proposals. However, the requirements contained in national and local policy and guidance means that there are clear mechanisms to reject poor design to ensure that design quality is maintained.</td>
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<td>Change to legislation and national policy</td>
<td>The use of planning conditions and obligations could be reviewed to consider whether a different approach should be taken in order to secure mitigation and/or aid in the monitoring of some of the areas that planning can directly influence.</td>
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<td>Changes to the evidence base</td>
<td>The Core Strategy has been prepared with regard to the local evidence base. This evidence base will continue to be reviewed and where necessary updated to respond to changing circumstances. This may lead to the need to change or alter policy. This process will be managed through the Annual Monitoring Report and...</td>
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<td><strong>Indicator:</strong> Planning permissions granted on Safeguarded Land</td>
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<td><strong>Target / Aim:</strong> No planning permissions to be granted for an inappropriate use</td>
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<td><strong>Delivery / Implementation:</strong> Management of planning applications</td>
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| **Reason for amendment** | No indicator for this policy in Publication Core Strategy |

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<td>Number of planning applications granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on flood defence or water quality grounds (DCLG Core output indicator)</td>
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| **Reason for amendment** | Flood risk is addressed in Policy CS25 |
### Table 14 Managing the Natural and Historic Environment, CS24: Conserving and enhancing the water environment, second indicator

**Percentage of river length in Rotherham assessed as being of good quality under the Water Framework Directive**

**Reason for amendment**
To clarify that the indicator refers to ‘good quality’ as established in the Water Framework Directive

### Table 14 Managing the Natural and Historic Environment, CS25: Dealing with Flood Risk, indicator

**Number of planning applications granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on flood defence or water quality grounds (DCLG Core output indicator)**

**Reason for amendment**
Water quality is addressed in Policy CS24

### Appendix B: Replaced Unitary Development Plan policies

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Core Strategy Policy | Superseded Development Plan Policy
| Core Strategy Focused Changes | | |
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| CS14 Accessible Places and Managing Demand for Travel | T2 Major Road Schemes and Highway Improvements  
T3 Public Transport  
T3.1 Bus Priority Measures and New Systems  
T4 Traffic Management  
T5.1 Road Freight  
T6 Location and Layout of Development |
| CS15 Key Routes and the Strategic Road Network | T2 Major Road Schemes and Highway Improvements  
T4 Traffic Management  
T5.1 Road Freight |
| CS16 New Roads | T2 Major Road Schemes and Highway Improvements |
| CS17 Passenger Rail Connections | T3.2 Local Rail Infrastructure |
| CS18 Freight | T5 Freight Transfer to Rail and Canal  
T5.1 Road Freight |
| CS21 Landscape | ENV3.1 Development and the Environment |
| CS22 Green Space | ENV5.1 Allocated Urban Greenspace  
CR2.2 Safeguarding Recreation Areas |
| CS26 Minerals | MIN2.1 Areas of Search  
MIN4 Oil and Natural Gas  
MIN6 Methods and Control of Working |
### Reason for amendment

To reflect further consideration of UDP policies, having regard to the scope and content of Core Strategy policies. It is considered appropriate to retain a number of policies as part of the development plan (where they conform with national guidance) until they are superseded by more detailed development management policies in the Sites and Policies document.

### Appendix C: Glossary

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<td>Glossary - Biomass</td>
<td>Plants and trees, <strong>and the non fossil fuel based fraction of the waste stream</strong>, when used to create energy.</td>
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**Reason for amendment**
| Page | Glossary - insert new definition after Bulky Goods | **Carbon Compliance:**  
The "built performance" emissions from new homes that should not be exceeded. This compliance is expressed as kg CO₂/M² and is the amount of CO₂ a dwelling can produce. On-site contributions to achieve these targets include energy efficiency and low & zero carbon energy.  

**Reason for amendment**  
To include a definition of a carbon compliance associated with Policy CS30. |
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| 154 | **Glossary - Chain of Conformity**  
It is important that we make sure the inter-relationships between different EDTF Local Plan documents are clear and that the EDTF Local Plan as a whole is consistent with national policy. This consistency is commonly referred to as the 'chain of conformity'.  

**Reason for amendment**  
To reflect the terminology of the new planning system |
| 155 | **Glossary - insert new definition after Less Vulnerable Uses**  
**Lifetime of development:**  
This is as long as the development which has been permitted endures.  

**Reason for amendment**  
Clarification of “lifetime” of development |
| 157 | Glossary - insert new definition after Localism Act 2011 | **Main town centre uses:**
Retail development (including warehouse clubs and factory outlet centres); leisure, entertainment facilities the more intensive sport and recreation uses (including cinemas, restaurants, drive-through restaurants, bars and pubs, night-clubs, casinos, health and fitness centres, indoor bowling centres, and bingo halls); offices; and arts, culture and tourism development (including theatres, museums, galleries and concert halls, hotels and conference facilities).

**Reason for amendment**
Clarification of main town centre uses |

| 158 | Glossary - Strategic Road Network | This consists of motorways (such as the M1 & M18) and significant trunk A roads (such as the A57): the M1 motorway between Woodall Common south of Woodall Motorway Service Area and Brinsworth north of Junction 33, and the M18 motorway from its junction with the M1 to Moor Lane north of Junction 1.

**Reason for amendment**
To provide clarity that ‘Strategic Road Network’ refers to the motorways within Rotherham |

| 159 | Glossary - insert new definition after Urban Potential Study | **Veteran trees:**
A tree which, because of its great age, size or condition is of exceptional value for wildlife, in the landscape, or culturally.

**Reason for amendment**
Clarification of the definition of veteran trees |
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