

Rotherham local plan

Strategic policies in Rotherham



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Background

1. Neighbourhood Plans have to conform with the 'strategic priorities' of the relevant local plan. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) indicates that strategic policies should, as a minimum, provide for objectively assessed needs for housing and other uses (paragraph 11). Paragraph 20 goes on to state that strategic policies should set out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and quality of development, and make sufficient provision for:
 - housing (including affordable housing), employment, retail, leisure and other
 - commercial development;
 - infrastructure for transport, telecommunications, security, waste management,
 - water supply, wastewater, flood risk and coastal change management, and the
 - provision of minerals and energy (including heat);
 - community facilities (such as health, education and cultural infrastructure); and
 - conservation and enhancement of the natural, built and historic environment, including landscapes and green infrastructure, and planning measures to address climate change mitigation and adaptation.
2. NPPF then makes clear that "Plans should make explicit which policies are strategic policies" (paragraph 21). This document provides an assessment of Rotherham's Local Plan policies to identify those which should be considered as 'strategic policies' for the purposes of neighbourhood planning.

Assessment approach

3. The assessment has been undertaken for policies in the:
 - Rotherham Local Plan: Core Strategy 2013-2028, adopted in 2014;
 - Rotherham Local Plan: Sites and Policies document, adopted in June 2018; and
 - Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Joint Waste Plan, adopted in 2012.
4. The assessment is provided in three tables:
 - Table 1: Assessment of Core Strategy (page 7)
 - Table 2: Assessment of Sites and Policies document (page 15)
 - Table 3: Assessment of Joint Waste Plan (page 30)
5. The assessment has had regard to the NPPF and PPG. In particular Neighbourhood Planning paragraph 076¹ of the PPG sets out useful considerations for reaching a view on whether a policy is a 'strategic policy'. Namely:
 - whether the policy sets out an overarching direction or objective;
 - whether the policy seeks to shape the broad characteristics of development;
 - the scale at which the policy is intended to operate;
 - whether the policy sets a framework for decisions on how competing priorities should be balanced;
 - whether the policy sets a standard or other requirement that is essential to achieving the wider vision and aspirations in the Local Plan;
 - in the case of site allocations, whether bringing the site forward is central to achieving the vision and aspirations of the Local Plan;
 - whether the Local Plan identifies the policy as being strategic.

¹ Paragraph 076 Reference ID: 41-076-20140306 <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/planning-practice-guidance>

6. Policies have normally been classified as 'strategic' where they meet one or more of the criteria set out in the assessment tables, or respond to a strategic priority. In some circumstances site specific policies meet these criteria but would only be relevant where the sites in question fall within an area for which a neighbourhood plan is being prepared.
7. For clarity the following over-arching principles have also been adopted to classify policies as 'strategic':
 - Local Plan policies which cover the whole borough. These are intended to provide a basis for consistent decision making across the borough and as such it is considered necessary to identify these as 'strategic' policies.
 - Policies which allocate land and contribute to delivering future development in order to deliver the spatial strategy set out in the Core Strategy.

Schedule of strategic policies

8. As a result of the assessment a schedule of 'strategic' policies for the purposes of neighbourhood planning is set out below.

Rotherham Local Plan: Core Strategy 2013-2028 Adopted September 2014

- Policy CS 1 Delivering Rotherham's Spatial Strategy
- Policy CS 2 Delivering Development on Major Sites
- Policy CS 3 Location of New Development
- Policy CS 4 Green Belt
- Policy CS 5 Safeguarded Land
- Policy CS 6 Meeting the Housing Requirement
- Policy CS 7 Housing Mix and Affordability
- Policy CS 8 Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation
- Policy CS 9 Transforming Rotherham's Economy
- Policy CS 10 Improving Skills and Employment Opportunities
- Policy CS 11 Tourism and the Visitor Economy
- Policy CS 12 Managing Change in Rotherham's Retail and Service Centres
- Policy CS 13 Transforming Rotherham Town Centre
- Policy CS 14 Accessible Places and Managing Demand for Travel
- Policy CS 15 Key Routes and the Strategic Road Network
- Policy CS 16 New Roads
- Policy CS 17 Passenger Rail Connections
- Policy CS 18 Freight
- Policy CS 19 Green Infrastructure
- Policy CS 20 Biodiversity and Geodiversity
- Policy CS 21 Landscape
- Policy CS 22 Green Space
- Policy CS 23 Valuing the Historic Environment
- Policy CS 24 Conserving and Enhancing the Water Environment
- Policy CS 25 Dealing with Flood Risk
- Policy CS 26 Minerals
- Policy CS 27 Community Health and Safety
- Policy CS 28 Sustainable Design
- Policy CS 29 Community and Social Facilities

- Policy CS 30 Low Carbon & Renewable Energy Generation
- Policy CS 31 Mixed Use Areas
- Policy CS 32 Infrastructure Delivery and Developer Contributions
- Policy CS 33 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development
- Policy CS 34 Housing Delivery and Ongoing Co-operation

**Rotherham Local Plan: Sites and Policies Document
Adopted June 2018**

- Policy SP 1 Sites Allocated for Development
- Policy SP 2 Development in the Green Belt
- Policy SP 3 Rural Workers Dwellings in the Green Belt
- Policy SP 4 Extensions to Buildings in the Green Belt
- Policy SP 5 Alternative Uses for Buildings within the Green Belt
- Policy SP 6 Replacement Buildings in the Green Belt
- Policy SP 7 New Agricultural or Forestry Buildings or Structures in the Green Belt
- Policy SP 8 Infilling Development within the Green Belt
- Policy SP 9 Previously Developed Sites within the Green Belt
- Policy SP 10 Proposals for Outdoor Sport, Outdoor Recreation and Cemeteries in the Green Belt.
- Policy SP 11 Development in Residential Areas
- Policy SP 12 Development on Residential Gardens
- Policy SP 13 Gypsy and Traveller Sites
- Policy SP 15 Land Identified for Business Use
- Policy SP 16 Land Identified for Industrial and Business Uses
- Policy SP 17 Other Uses Within Business, and Industrial and Business Areas
- Policy SP 19 Development Within Town, District and Local Centres
- Policy SP 20 Primary Shopping Frontages
- Policy SP 21 Secondary Shopping Frontages
- Policy SP 22 Hot Food Takeaways
- Policy SP 23 Out-of-Centre Retail Parks and Other Out of Centre Developments
- Policy SP 26 Sustainable Transport for Development
- Policy SP 27 Development Affecting Designated “Highways Development Control Lines”
- Policy SP 28 Development Affecting Key Routes and the Strategic Road Network
- Policy SP 29 Delivering Transport Schemes
- Policy SP 30 Motorway Service Areas
- Policy SP 31 Canals
- Policy SP 32 Green Infrastructure and Landscape
- Policy SP 33 Conserving the Natural Environment
- Policy SP 34 Sites Protected for Nature Conservation
- Policy SP 35 Protected and Priority Species
- Policy SP 36 Soil Resources
- Policy SP 37 New and Improvements to Existing Green Space
- Policy SP 38 Protecting Green Space
- Policy SP 39 Design and Location of Green Space, Sport and Recreation
- Policy SP 40 Listed Buildings
- Policy SP 41 Conservation Areas
- Policy SP 42 Archaeology and Scheduled Ancient Monuments
- Policy SP 43 Understanding and Recording the Historic Environment
- Policy SP 44 Historic Parks, Gardens and Landscapes

- Policy SP 45 Locally Listed Buildings
- Policy SP 46 War Memorials
- Policy SP 47 Understanding and Managing Flood Risk and Drainage
- Policy SP 48 Assessment of Mineral Extraction Proposals
- Policy SP 49 Safeguarding Mineral Infrastructure
- Policy SP 50 Exploration and Appraisal of Hydrocarbons
- Policy SP 51 Hydrocarbon Production Facilities and Ancillary Development
- Policy SP 52 Pollution Control
- Policy SP 53 Hazardous Installations
- Policy SP 54 Contaminated and Unstable Land
- Policy SP 55 Design Principles
- Policy SP 56 Car Parking Layout
- Policy SP 57 Sustainable Construction and Wind Energy
- Policy SP 58 Wind Energy
- Policy SP 59 Shop Front Design
- Policy SP 60 Advertisements
- Policy SP 61 Telecommunications
- Policy SP 62 Safeguarding Community Facilities
- Policy SP 63 Loss of Public Houses
- Policy SP 64 Access to Community Facilities
- Policy SP 65 Development Within Mixed Use Areas
- Policy SP 69 Utilities Infrastructure

The following strategic policies will only be relevant where the sites subject to these policies fall within an area for which a neighbourhood plan is prepared.

- Policy SP 14 SPA1 Waverley New Community
- Policy SP 18 SPA2 Former Maltby Colliery
- Policy SP 24 Rotherham Town Centre Regeneration
- Policy SP 25 Rotherham Town Centre Evening Economy
- Policy SP 66 Mixed Use Area 20: Land between Aldwarke Lane and Parkgate Shopping Park
- Policy SP 67 Mixed Use Area 21: Highfield Commercial, Waverley
- Policy SP 68 Mixed Use Area 22: Land at Aston Common, Aston

Rotherham Local Plan: Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Joint Waste Plan Adopted March 2012

- Policy WCS1: Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham's overall strategy for achieving sustainable waste management
- Policy WCS4: Waste management proposals on non-allocated sites
- Policy WCS5: Landfill
- Policy WCS6: General considerations for all waste management proposals
- Policy WCS7: Managing waste in all developments

The following strategic policies will only be relevant where the sites subject to these policies fall within an area for which a neighbourhood plan is prepared.

- Policy WCS2: Safeguarding and enhancing existing strategic waste management sites
- Policy WCS3: New strategic waste management sites

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Table 1: Assessment of Rotherham Local Plan: Core Strategy 2013-2028 (2014)

Policy	Criteria and evidence for identifying policies as being 'strategic' in nature							Conclusion Is this a strategic policy?
	Does the Policy:				Is bringing the site allocation forward central to achieving the vision and aspirations of the Local Plan	At what scale is the policy intended to operate?	Strategic priorities	
Reference and summary	set out an overarching direction or objective?	seek to shape the broad characteristics of development?	set a framework for decisions on how competing priorities should be balanced?	set a standard or other requirement essential to achieving the wider vision and aspirations in the Local Plan?				
CS 1 Delivering Rotherham's Spatial Strategy	✓		✓		✓	Borough-wide	Provision of homes and jobs	Yes
Sets out the borough's spatial strategy; including specific policy approach to Bassingthorpe Farm Strategic Allocation, the Broad Location for Growth at Dinnington East, and Waverley New Community								
CS 2 Delivering Development on Major Sites		✓		✓	✓	Borough-wide	Delivery of development and infrastructure	Yes
Requires masterplanning for the strategic allocation and broad location for growth, and encourages masterplanning on all large scale major sites for new development, in order to minimise the impact of new development, delivery of new social infrastructure, minimise harm to, and maximise benefits for, the environment. Phasing and delivery of essential infrastructure will enable the creation of sustainable communities								
Policy CS 3 Location of New Development	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of homes and jobs	Yes
Sets out the key factors which will be taken into account in selecting the location of particular sites for development, and assessing sustainability of windfall sites and Traveller's sites								
Policy CS 4 Green Belt	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Conservation of the natural environment	Yes
Sets out borough-wide strategic policy regarding Green Belt								
Policy CS 5 Safeguarded Land	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Delivery of development and infrastructure	Yes
Sets out where Safeguarded Land may be identified across Rotherham, and policy applicable to such areas. Green Belt boundaries should be as permanent as is possible and remain unchanged for a period in excess of the life of the Local Plan								

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Policy CS 6 Meeting the Housing Requirement	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Delivery of development and infrastructure	Yes
Guides the allocation and development of housing sites to meet objectively assessed need. Seeks to ensure that development is in line with the Spatial Strategy, promotes sustainable growth, and make efficient use of land while protecting or enhancing the character of the local area.								
Policy CS 7 Housing Mix and Affordability	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of homes	Yes
Sets out affordable housing policy and seeks to deliver a mix of dwelling sizes, type and tenure, taking account of viability considerations.								
Policy CS 8 Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of homes	Yes
Sets out policy regarding the allocation of sites for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation to meet identified needs and how planning applications will be considered								
Policy CS 9 Transforming Rotherham's Economy	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of jobs	Yes
Sets out policy for how Rotherham's economic performance and transformation will be supported, including allocation of sites, protection of viable employment sites and identifying priority sectors								
Policy CS 10 Improving Skills and Employment Opportunities	✓			✓		Borough-wide	Provision of jobs	Yes
Establishes policy in relation to training, education and local employment opportunities intended to help ensure that residents have the skills needed to access jobs and meet the needs of employers								

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Policy CS 11 Tourism and the Visitor Economy	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of jobs, and conservation and enhancement of the natural environment	Yes
Supports proposals which contribute positively towards Rotherham's visitor economy. Recognises the contribution that tourism can make to sustainable economic development and job creation. Sets out the criteria for tourism and visitor developments which will be supported								
Policy CS 12 Managing Change in Rotherham's Retail and Service Centres	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of retail, leisure and commercial development	Yes
Sets out a borough-wide hierarchy of retail centres the strategy for each centre and accompanying policy regarding new development (including how the sequential and impact tests will be applied)								
Policy CS 13 Transforming Rotherham Town Centre	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of retail, leisure and commercial development	Yes
Policy establishes that Rotherham Town Centre will be the main focus for the majority of new retail, office and other town centre uses within Rotherham, and sets out policy specific to this centre.								
Policy CS 14 Accessible Places and Managing Demand for Travel	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of development and infrastructure, conservation and enhancement of the natural environment	Yes
Establishes how accessibility will be promoted through the proximity of people to employment, leisure, retail, health and public services; includes detailed policy criteria								

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Policy CS 15 Key Routes and the Strategic Road Network	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of infrastructure	Yes
Sets out how the Key Route and Motorway network will provide efficient access between the main Rotherham Urban Area, Principal Settlements and the regional and national road network. Supporting economic growth is the over-arching aim of the Sheffield City Region Transport Strategy. The Key Routes and the Strategic Road Network will carry many of the new trips associated with economic growth.								
Policy CS 16 New Roads	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of infrastructure	Yes
Policy establishes that there will be no significant increase in the physical capacity of the highway network, and identifies proposed new roads likely to be delivered within the plan period. Seeks to support economic growth balanced with recognising the potential adverse congestion and environmental impacts of new road growth. Recognises that new road developments may be required to support economic growth, to remove traffic from unsuitable routes, to address road safety problems or to improve the movement of public transport, pedestrians and cyclists. They may also assist in the revitalisation of disadvantaged communities.								
Policy CS 17 Passenger Rail Connections	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of infrastructure	Yes
Sets out that the Council will support development of the rail network, including High Speed 2, and will safeguard land for local rail projects. Seeks to promote improved rail services, improving connectivity with other areas and localised improvements to the rail network								
Policy CS 18 Freight	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of infrastructure, climate change mitigation and adaptation	Yes
Promotes improvements to the road freight network and encourages the transfer of freight from road to canal and rail								

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Policy CS 19 Green Infrastructure	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of infrastructure, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment, climate change mitigation and adaptation	Yes
Strategic policy which establishes that Rotherham's network of Green Infrastructure assets will be conserved, extended, enhanced, managed and maintained throughout the borough, with detailed criteria regarding development and green Infrastructure								
Policy CS 20 Biodiversity and Geodiversity	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
The aim of this policy is to provide a framework for conserving and enhancing the total natural environment resource and diversity and sets out a number of priorities.								
Policy CS 21 Landscape	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment,	Yes
Sets out principles for how new development will be required to safeguard and enhance the quality, character, distinctiveness and amenity value of the borough's landscapes.								
Policy CS 22 Green Space	✓	✓		✓		Borough-wide	Provision of infrastructure, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
Sets out strategic policy as to how Rotherham's green spaces will be protected, managed, enhanced and created								

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Policy CS 23 Valuing the Historic Environment	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
Sets out how Rotherham's historic environment will be conserved, enhanced and managed, in accordance with the principles set out								
Policy CS 24 Conserving and Enhancing the Water Environment	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
Establishes principles for conserving and enhancing the water environment including supporting proposals which do not result in deterioration of watercourses and which contribute towards achieving 'good status' under the Water Framework Directive.								
Policy CS 25 Dealing with Flood Risk	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of development, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
Sets out strategic and detailed policy around flood risk. Includes detailed policy requirements which may impact on the characteristic of development								
Policy CS 26 Minerals	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of minerals	Yes
Sets out principles and policy relating to proposals for mineral extraction. Includes detailed policy requirements which may impact on the characteristic of development								

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Policy CS 27 Community Health and Safety	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of community infrastructure, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
Establishes that development will be supported which protects, promotes or contributes to securing a healthy and safe environment and minimises health inequalities. Sets out that development should seek to contribute towards reducing pollution and not result in pollution or hazards which may prejudice the health and safety of communities or their environments. Establishes factors which proposals will be required to consider in locating and designing new development								
Policy CS 28 Sustainable Design	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of development, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment, climate change mitigation and adaptation	Yes
Sets out how development will be required to have regard to a range of sustainable design factors. Establishes a number of principles or detailed considerations that the design process shall take into account								
Policy CS 29 Community and Social Facilities	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of community and cultural infrastructure,	Yes
Supports the retention, provision and enhancement of a range of community and social facilities. Recognises that community and social facilities are a vital element in the creation of sustainable communities								

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Policy CS 30 Low Carbon & Renewable Energy Generation	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment, climate change mitigation and adaptation	Yes
Sets out strategic and detailed policy seeking to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and encourage the use of renewable and low carbon energy. Establishes that developments should seek to reduce carbon dioxide emissions through the inclusion of mitigation measures								
Policy CS 31 Mixed Use Areas	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of development	Yes
Establishes that within Mixed Use Areas a variety of land uses will be acceptable. The Sites and Policies document will set out more detailed policies and guidance regarding development in mixed use areas.								
Policy CS 32 Infrastructure Delivery and Developer Contributions	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of development and infrastructure	Yes
Sets out a strategic policy regarding infrastructure delivery and developer contributions. Relates to infrastructure which may be required to be provided as part of development, or developer contributions, such as CIL, which may be required								
Policy CS 33 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development	✓		✓			Borough-wide	Provision of development and infrastructure	Yes
Sets out how the presumption in favour of sustainable development will be applied, including where policies are out of date								

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Policy CS 34 Housing Delivery and Ongoing Co-operation	✓			✓		Borough-wide	Provision of homes	Yes
Policy CS34 sets out how the Council will monitor and address under performance in housing delivery.								

Table 2: Assessment of Rotherham Local Plan: Sites and Policies Document (2018)

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Reference and summary	set out an overarching direction or objective?	seek to shape the broad characteristics of development?	set a framework for decisions on how competing priorities should be balanced?	set a standard or other requirement essential to achieving the wider vision and aspirations in the Local Plan?				
SP 1 Sites Allocated for Development	✓	✓		✓	✓	Borough-wide	Provision of homes and jobs	Yes
Sets out the site allocated for development to meet requirements set out in the Core Strategy. Refers to the site development guidelines in Chapter 5								
SP 2 Development in the Green Belt	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of homes and jobs , conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
Establishes policy relevant to development proposals within the Green Belt								
SP 3 Rural Workers Dwellings in the Green Belt	✓	✓	✓			Borough-wide	Provision of homes and jobs	Yes
Establishes the special justification and evidence required for proposals for rural workers dwellings within the Green Belt								
SP 4 Extensions to Buildings in the Green Belt		✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of homes and jobs	Yes
Sets out policy applicable for proposals for extensions to buildings within the Green Belt								
SP 5 Alternative Uses for Buildings within the Green Belt		✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of homes and jobs	Yes
Sets out policy relevant to proposals for alternative uses of buildings within the Green Belt								

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SP 6 Replacement Buildings in the Green Belt	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of homes and jobs	Yes
Sets out policy relevant to proposals for replacement buildings within the Green Belt								
SP 7 New Agricultural or Forestry Buildings or Structures in the Green Belt		✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of homes and jobs	Yes
Establishes policy and requirements in relation to proposals for new agricultural or forestry buildings or structures in the Green Belt								
SP 8 Infilling Development within the Green Belt		✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of homes and jobs	Yes
Sets out policy relevant to proposals for infill development within the Green Belt								
SP 9 Previously Developed Sites within the Green Belt		✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of homes and jobs	Yes
Sets out policy relevant to proposals on previously developed sites within the Green Belt								
SP 10 Proposals for Outdoor Sport, Outdoor Recreation and Cemeteries in the Green		✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of community infrastructure	Yes
Sets out policy relevant to proposals for outdoor sport, recreation and cemeteries within the Green Belt.								
SP 11 Development in Residential Areas	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of homes, community, cultural and other facilities	Yes
Sets out the policy approach to residential areas including acceptable non-residential uses.								

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SP 12 Development on Residential Gardens	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of homes	Yes
Establishes policy relevant to proposals on residential garden land								
SP 13 Gypsy and Traveller Sites	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of homes	Yes
Sets out the policy approach to considering proposals for Gypsy and traveller sites								
Policy SP 14 SPA1 Waverley New Community	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Site specific	Provision of homes, jobs, education, retail and other development	Yes, but only relevant where the site identified falls within any future neighbourhood plan area
Sets out policy for this site including acceptable uses and other site development principles								
SP 15 Land Identified for Business Use	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of jobs	Yes
Establishes the acceptable uses on land allocated for business use								
SP 16 Land Identified for Industrial and Business Uses	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of jobs	Yes
Establishes the acceptable uses on land allocated for industrial and business use								
SP 17 Other Uses Within Business, and Industrial and Business Areas	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of jobs and other development	Yes
Establishes the policy criteria to be applied when considering proposals for alternative uses within sites allocated for business use or for industrial and business use								

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SP 18 SPA2 Former Maltby Colliery	✓		✓			Former Maltby Colliery	Provision of jobs	Yes, but only relevant where the site identified falls within any future neighbourhood plan area
Establishes acceptable uses within the former Maltby Colliery site								
SP 19 Development Within Town, District and Local Centres	✓		✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of retail, leisure and other commercial development	Yes
Establishes the acceptable uses within town, district and local centres								
SP 20 Primary Shopping Frontages	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of retail, leisure and other commercial development	Yes
Establishes the acceptable uses within primary shopping frontages								
SP 21 Secondary Shopping Frontages	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of retail, leisure and other commercial development	Yes
Establishes the acceptable uses within secondary shopping frontages								
SP 22 Hot Food Takeaways	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of retail, leisure and other commercial development	Yes
Sets out policy relevant to proposals for hot food takeaways.								

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Reference and summary	set out an overarching direction or objective?	seek to shape the broad characteristics of development?	set a framework for decisions on how competing priorities should be balanced?	set a standard or other requirement essential to achieving the wider vision and aspirations in the Local Plan?				
SP 23 Out-of-Centre Retail Parks and Other Out of Centre Developments	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of retail, leisure and other commercial development	Yes
Establishes how proposals for out of centre retail developments will be considered								
SP 24 Rotherham Town Centre Regeneration		✓	✓			Rotherham town centre	Provision of retail, leisure and other commercial development	Yes, but only relevant where the site identified falls within any future neighbourhood plan area
Sets out the key uses which will be encourage in specific locations to support regeneration of the town centre.								
SP 25 Rotherham Town Centre Evening Economy	✓	✓	✓			Rotherham town centre	Provision of retail, leisure and other commercial development	Yes, but only relevant where the site identified falls within any future neighbourhood plan area
Aims to encourage evening economy uses which appeal to a broad range of age groups and users in Rotherham town centre								
SP 26 Sustainable Transport for Development	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of development and infrastructure	Yes
This policy strongly prioritises the need for sustainable transport infrastructure for walking, cycling, public transport or other non-car transport and access								

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SP 27 Development Affecting Designated "Highways Development Control Lines"		✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of infrastructure	Yes
Establishes policy in relation to highways development control lines which have been established to protect the alignments of future improvements to the highway network								
SP 28 Development Affecting Key Routes and the Strategic Road Network	✓		✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of development and infrastructure	Yes
Sets out policy relevant to proposals for development affecting Key Routes and the Strategic Road Network								
SP 29 Delivering Transport Schemes	✓		✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of infrastructure	Yes
Sets out how proposals for unrelated development on, or in the vicinity of any transport scheme will be considered.								
SP 30 Motorway Service Areas	✓	✓	✓			Borough-wide	Provision of infrastructure and commercial development	Yes
Sets out how the council will consider proposals for Motorway Service Areas and the acceptable uses within such sites								
SP 31 Canals	✓	✓	✓			Borough-wide	Provision of infrastructure, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
Establishes policy in relation to the restoration and maintenance of canals as well as criteria which will be applicable to development proposals adjacent to canals								

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Reference and summary	set out an overarching direction or objective?	seek to shape the broad characteristics of development?	set a framework for decisions on how competing priorities should be balanced?	set a standard or other requirement essential to achieving the wider vision and aspirations in the Local Plan?				
SP 32 Green Infrastructure and Landscape	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of infrastructure, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
Establishes policy in relation to Green Infrastructure and landscape, including detailed criteria which development will be required to take account of								
SP 33 Conserving the Natural Environment	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
Sets out policy regarding how the Council will seek to conserve and enhance the natural environment. Development proposals will be required to establish their impact on the natural environment and safeguard any substantive nature conservation interest and will be expected to incorporate best practise in respect of enhancing the natural environment.								
SP 34 Sites Protected for Nature Conservation	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
Establishes policy relevant to development or changes of use on land within or outside a statutorily protected site								
SP 35 Protected and Priority Species	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
Sets out policy relevant to development proposals where they may have a direct or indirect impact on protected or priority species								

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Reference and summary	set out an overarching direction or objective?	seek to shape the broad characteristics of development?	set a framework for decisions on how competing priorities should be balanced?	set a standard or other requirement essential to achieving the wider vision and aspirations in the Local Plan?				
SP 36 Soil Resources	✓	✓	✓			Borough-wide	Conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
Establishes policy in relation to soil resources and how these will be taken into account in determining planning applications								
SP 37 New and Improvements to Existing Green Space	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of infrastructure	Yes
Sets out the detailed policy for new and improvements to existing green Space, including the provision required by new development								
SP 38 Protecting Green Space	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of infrastructure, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
Establishes criteria which will be taken into account in relation to proposals that would result in the loss of Green Space								
SP 39 Design and Location of Green Space, Sport and Recreation	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of infrastructure	Yes
Establishes principles relevant to proposals for green space, sport and recreation and children's play space								
SP 40 Listed Buildings	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
Sets out the criteria against which proposals affecting a listed building or its setting will be considered								

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Reference and summary	set out an overarching direction or objective?	seek to shape the broad characteristics of development?	set a framework for decisions on how competing priorities should be balanced?	set a standard or other requirement essential to achieving the wider vision and aspirations in the Local Plan?				
SP 41 Conservation Areas	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
Sets out the criteria and principles against which proposals within or likely to affect the setting of a Conservation Area will be considered								
SP 42 Archaeology and Scheduled Ancient Monuments	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
Sets out policy in relation to proposals that may impact upon archaeology								
SP 43 Conserving and Recording the Historic Environment	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
Establishes the supporting information required where development proposals affect known or potential heritage assets, and any recording which may be required								
SP 44 Historic Parks, Gardens and Landscapes	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
Establishes how the Council will seek to ensure the protection and appropriate enhancement of the borough's historic parks and gardens								
SP 45 Locally Listed Buildings	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic	Yes

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Reference and summary	set out an overarching direction or objective?	seek to shape the broad characteristics of development?	set a framework for decisions on how competing priorities should be balanced?	set a standard or other requirement essential to achieving the wider vision and aspirations in the Local Plan?					
							environment		
Sets out how the Council will seek to ensure and encourage the preservation and enhancement of Locally Listed Buildings									
SP 46 War Memorials		✓	✓				Borough-wide	Conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
Establishes policy in relation to development that may impact upon War Memorials or their siting									
SP 47 Understanding and Managing Flood Risk and Drainage	✓	✓	✓	✓			Borough-wide	Provision of development and infrastructure, climate change mitigation and adaptation, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
Provides policy guidance on flood risk and drainage									
SP 48 Assessment of Mineral Extraction Proposals		✓	✓	✓			Borough-wide	Provision of minerals	Yes
Sets out the factors which will be considered when determining proposals for mineral extraction, seeking to balance the requirements of the industry and the local environment.									
SP 49 Safeguarding Mineral Infrastructure	✓		✓	✓			Borough-wide	Provision of minerals and infrastructure	Yes
Sets out how proposals for non-minerals development involving, or in the vicinity of, safeguarded mineral infrastructure will be considered									

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SP 50 Exploration and Appraisal of Hydrocarbons	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of minerals	Yes
Sets out the criteria against which proposals for the exploration and appraisal phases of hydrocarbon (oil and gas) related proposals will be considered								
SP 51 Hydrocarbon Production Facilities and Ancillary Development	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of minerals	Yes
Sets out the criteria against which proposals for the production phases of hydrocarbon (oil and gas) related proposals will be considered								
SP 52 Pollution Control	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of health infrastructure	Yes
Establishes the policy considerations which will be taken into account in relation to pollution control								
SP 53 Hazardous Installations	✓		✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of development and infrastructure	Yes
Establishes the policy considerations which will be taken into account in relation to hazardous installations								
SP 54 Contaminated and Unstable Land	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of health infrastructure	Yes
Sets out policy criteria relevant to proposals where land is known to be or suspected of being contaminated, or development may result in the release of contaminants from adjoining land, or there are adverse ground conditions								

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SP 55 Design Principles	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of development, infrastructure, climate change mitigation and adaptation, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
This policy sets out the overarching elements of architectural and urban design that need to be satisfied for high quality sustainable development to be achieved								
SP 56 Car Parking Layout	✓	✓		✓		Borough-wide	Provision of homes and jobs	Yes
Establishes policy relevant to car parking layout aspects of development proposals								
Policy SP 57 Sustainable Construction	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of infrastructure, climate change mitigation and adaptation, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
Sets out how the Council will seek to achieve the highest standards of sustainable construction.								

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Reference and summary	set out an overarching direction or objective?	seek to shape the broad characteristics of development?	set a framework for decisions on how competing priorities should be balanced?	set a standard or other requirement essential to achieving the wider vision and aspirations in the Local Plan?				
SP 58 Wind Energy	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of infrastructure, climate change mitigation and adaptation, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
Sets out detailed criteria which will be taken into account in relation to proposals for wind energy developments (wind turbines)								
SP 59 Shop Front Design	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of jobs	Yes
Sets out the detailed policy criteria regarding how the Council will seek the highest standards in the control of shop frontage								
SP 60 Advertisements	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment	Yes
Sets the criteria by which amenity and public safety will be assessed in Rotherham in relation to advertisements								
SP 61 Telecommunications	✓	✓	✓			Borough-wide	Provision of infrastructure	Yes
Establishes that the Council supports and encourages the expansion of electronic communications networks, including telecommunications and high speed broadband. It sets out criteria relevant to proposals for the installation of telecommunications equipment								Yes

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SP 62 Safeguarding Community Facilities	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of community and cultural infrastructure	Yes
Establishes policy in relation to community facilities, including criteria against which proposals involving the loss of land or buildings in community use will be considered.								
SP 63 Loss of Public Houses	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of community and cultural infrastructure	Yes
Introduces a presumption against the loss of public houses unless future proposals can demonstrate that the criteria within Policy has been fulfilled								
SP 64 Access to Community Facilities	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of community and cultural infrastructure	Yes
Establishes how the Council will seek to ensure that residential development has good access to a range of shops and services.								
SP 65 Development Within Mixed Use Areas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Borough-wide	Provision of development	Yes
Establishes that proposals for appropriate uses will be supported where they comply with the menu of appropriate uses set out in Table 13 'Acceptable Uses Within Mixed Use Areas' and the requirements of other relevant planning policy								
SP 66 Mixed Use Area 20: Land between Aldwarke Lane and Parkgate Shopping Park		✓	✓	✓	✓	Mixed use area 20	Provision for new jobs, infrastructure	Yes, but only relevant where the site identified falls within any future neighbourho
Sets out specific policy and criteria in relation to the development of Mixed Use Area 20								

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Reference and summary	set out an overarching direction or objective?	seek to shape the broad characteristics of development?	set a framework for decisions on how competing priorities should be balanced?	set a standard or other requirement essential to achieving the wider vision and aspirations in the Local Plan?				
SP 67 Mixed Use Area 21: Highfield Commercial, Waverley		✓	✓	✓	✓	Mixed use area 21	Provision for new homes, jobs, retail, leisure and commercial development and infrastructure	od plan area Yes, but only relevant where the site identified falls within any future neighbourhood plan area
Sets out specific policy and criteria in relation to the development of Mixed Use Area 21								
Policy SP 68 Mixed Use Area 22: Land at Aston Common, Aston		✓	✓	✓	✓	Mixed use area 22	Provision for new homes and jobs,	Yes, but only relevant where the site identified falls within any future neighbourhood plan area
Sets out specific policy and criteria in relation to the development of Mixed Use Area 22								
SP 69 Utilities Infrastructure	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of infrastructure	Yes
Seeks to ensure that development proposals have regard to the presence of existing utilities infrastructure as well taking account of any need to reinforce existing or provide new service infrastructure networks to cater for new development.								

Table 3: Assessment of Rotherham Local Plan: Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Joint Waste Plan (2012)

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Policy WCS1: Barnsley, Doncaster And Rotherham's Overall Strategy For Achieving Sustainable Waste Management	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of infrastructure for waste management	Yes
Provides the broad policy framework to achieve the vision and aims of the Joint Waste Plan, and sets out in broad terms where new waste facilities will be located								
Policy WCS2: Safeguarding And Enhancing Existing Strategic Waste Management Sites			✓	✓	✓	Site-specific to Sterecycle (Templeborough) and Eastwood (Parkgate)	Provision of infrastructure for waste management	Yes, but only relevant where the sites identified fall within any future neighbourhood plan area
The purpose of this policy is to protect and safeguard sites for waste management purposes. Site-specific to Sterecycle (Templeborough) and Eastwood (Parkgate)								

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Policy WCS3: New Strategic Waste Management Sites			✓	✓	✓	Site-specific to Bolton Road, Manvers and Aldwarke Steelworks, Parkgate	Provision of infrastructure for waste management	Yes, but only relevant where the sites identified fall within any future neighbourhood plan area
Allocates new strategic waste management sites within Rotherham								
Policy WCS4: Waste Management Proposals On Non Allocated Sites	✓	✓	✓			Borough-wide	Provision of infrastructure for waste management	Yes
Provides a positive framework to facilitate the development of waste management facilities on sites that are not allocated but which may come forward in the future.								
Policy WCS5: Landfill	✓	✓		✓	✓	Borough-wide	Provision of infrastructure for waste management	Yes
This policy safeguards sites which have significant disposal capacity remaining and provides some flexibility for additional capacity should it be required during the plan period. Safeguards specific sites and provides policy relevant to proposals for extended or new landfill sites, and policy relating to reclamation of sites								

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Policy WCS6: General Considerations For All Waste Management Proposals	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of infrastructure for waste management, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment, climate change mitigation and adaptation	Yes
Sets out the criteria against which all waste development proposals (on both allocated and unallocated sites) will be assessed.								
Policy WCS7: Managing Waste In All Developments	✓	✓	✓	✓		Borough-wide	Provision of infrastructure for waste management, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment, climate change mitigation and adaptation	Yes
Sets out requirements for proposals to submit a waste management plan and that non-waste development must not prevent or prejudice the delivery and operation of waste management facilities								

