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The Durham City Regeneration Masterplan Summary response of the City of Durham Trust

The Plan is very similar to the City parts of the County Durham Plan.

- Similarly verbose, repetitive and unclear.
- Same uncritical identification of the City as motor of County economic growth.
- Same failure to recognise small size, fragility and special character of City and its Green Belt (e.g. paragraph 103 in section 2.12 of Chapter 2)

The Masterplan is built on the foundations of the County Durham Plan (CDP) and the Trust has spent most of the past eight weeks focussed on its responses to that document. As the CDP is fundamentally unsound in multiple ways, it follows that the Masterplan will need rewriting as the shortcomings in the CDP are identified and corrected.

Consequently, the Trust asks that its submissions on the relevant parts of the CDP (especially on the Core Policies 1-14 and Policy 25) are also taken as its response and objection to the Durham City Regeneration Masterplan in its current form. These have been emailed to CDPconsultation@durham.gov.uk and are also available on the Trust's website at <http://durhamcity.org/cdp/> or more directly via these hyperlinks:

Policy 1 - [Sustainable Development](#)
Policy 2 - [Spatial Approach](#)
[Settlement Study](#)
[LA7 Leadership Board: Review of](#)
[Economic Evidence](#)
Policy 3 - [Quantity of Development](#)
Policy 4 - [Distribution of Development](#)
Policy 5 - [Developer Contributions](#)
Policy 6 - [Durham City](#)
Policy 7 - [Aykley Heads](#)
Policy 8 - [Durham City Strategic Sites](#)

[Site Selection Process](#)
Excel Spreadsheets showing [bus travel times](#) and [private car travel times](#)
[Durham City Green Belt Site Assessment](#)
[Phase 2](#) (original version)
Policy 9 - [Western Relief Road](#)
Policy 10 - [Northern Relief Road](#)
Policy 14 - [Green Belt](#)
Policy 25 - [Retail Allocations and Town Centre Regeneration Areas](#)

We would like to make one comment regarding paragraph 135, which says "It is an aspiration to attract more "family-friendly" bars and eating places which would complement a broadening of visitor attractions [in Durham City]". This is at odds with the *Altogether Healthier* strand of the Council's vision. Our objection is to there being **more** bars, if there could be a modal switch from establishments principally selling alcohol to the "family-friendly" bars and eating places envisaged in the Masterplan this would be a gain, but not more of the latter while the number of the former remains the same.