

THE CITY OF DURHAM TRUST

Question 38

Do you agree that we need to address all areas of water management including flood risk?

The City of Durham Trust agrees with these proposals, for the reasons set out in the document's supporting text. However, in addition to ensuring that Sustainable Drainage Systems require an adequate margin for future changes, the Council, through its own development control policies and in close cooperation with Northumbrian Water, should pro-actively develop stronger measures to limit the extent of hard standing sought for commercial and domestic properties at the initial planning approval stage, and to manage any extension of impermeable surfaces associated with existing developments. As paragraph 4.133 implies, the uncontrolled loss of permeable surfaces leads to more rapid run-off and consequently a greater risk of flash floods.