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450	Bishop Middleton Parish Council	
248	CABE	T
		CABE supports the reference to the development of a local list in addition to existing listed buildings and structures, as provided for within PPG15 [section g] p105]. The Regional Spatial Strategy should encourage individual local planning authorities to undertake this exercise as part for the preparation work for the production for their local development framework and encourage them where there are significant development proposed, such as the areas of housing market restructuring [where the exercise would be a useful informant for any decisions regarding the level of intervention and proposed demolition] and the regionally important mixed-sue brownfield sites and comparators.
428	Campaign To Protect Rural England	CPRE support this policy but believe it should be strengthened:
		a)Amend bullet point:
		".. assessing the significance and potential of any heritage assets .."
		h) Amend bullet point:
		".. lists of locally important buildings and other undesignated locally significant heritage sites for their areas.."
282	City of Durham Trust	For the four strategies listed under (g) to (j) local authorities are asked to "consider" preparing lists. Appraisals or surveys. Such an approach will have little or no effect unless the policy is given some teeth by, say the setting of some deadline by which an authority should have begun, or signified a date intended for completion, of a task.
28	Durham Cathedral	See comments made in policy 9
202	Durham County Council	Policy 34h) & i) - the word "consider" should be omitted from these clauses as both functions are now a required BVPI.
98	English Heritage	Object - Local Authorities are now required by the introduction of new Best Value Performance Indicators to prepare conservation area character appraisals and management plans. Failure to do so will reduce their potential to obtain Planning Delivery Grant. There should be more pressure exerted through the RSS for authorities to engage in this process. Delete the word 'consider' in point (h).
95	English Nature,	Propose amend text in item (e) to read: "recognize the opportunities for business education and tourism and as a key asset within green infrastructure plans"
		Reason: to link historic environment policy to green infrastructure planning.
8	Gateshead Council	Policy 34g and para 3.95 - The reference made to locally listed buildings is supported as it supports policies contained in Gatesheads Deposit Draft Unitary Development Plan.
215	Government Office For The North	Para 3.86

There is a negative flavour to these objectives. Little in the way of positive action – for instance the enhancement of landscapes and habitats

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or planting new woods and forests.

Bullet point 5 should refer to international and national biodiversity sites.

In the 6th bullet point Ramsar sites are listed under areas of natural beauty but it is a nature conservation designation.

Should the final bullet point be included in this form as public access is not qualified in respect of protecting the environment.

Para 3.87

Confusing at present. Suggest, from the 3rd sentence, that it should read:

‘...Northumberland Coast AONB. These nationally designated areas are shown on Environment Maps 1 and 2. National Parks and AONBs are designated because of their natural beauty and, in the case of the Parks, their opportunities for open-air recreation as well. The statutory purposes of National Parks are to conserve and enhance their natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage and to promote the understanding and enjoyment of their special qualities by the public. The statutory purpose of AONBs is to conserve and enhance their natural beauty (although many AONBs offer opportunities for, and play an important role in, informal recreation). These protected areas should be managed to deliver their statutory purposes and ‘relevant authorities’ (which include public bodies and statutory undertakers) are required to have regard to their statutory purposes and should make what contribution they can to the delivery of those purposes. Moreover, strategies, plans and programmes should...’

Policy 34 Parts ‘g’- ‘j’ only require LAs to ‘consider’ action rather than a stronger wording to secure action.

454	Hartlepool Civic Society	Support policy
160	Highways Agency	Seek to conserve and enhance the historic environment. Adopt an approach of informed management to maintain and enhance the North East's Built Heritage by preparing management plans.
300	Member of Public	Will fundraising for conservation schemes in historical areas be de-stigmatized? As surveys are not enough for a "cultural renaissance" of the North East
353	Member of Public	I broadly support this policy but must sound a note of caution for clause e) recognising the opportunities for business, education and tourism.
273	Member of Public	Recent work by professional archaeologists has highlighted the impact that the Hadrian's Wall Coast to Coast path (which I have walked in full) on parts of this World Heritage site. There must, therefore, be a careful assessment of conservation versus access for all sites, with care The aims may be laudable but the resources to implement them are lacking in local authorities who are also some of the worst offenders of neglecting the heritage assets. The timescales mentioned on the basis of resources I know will just not be met from years of experience in this field.
293	Member of Public	Will funding for conservation scheme be de-stigmatized? As surveys are not enough for a "cultural renaissance" of the historical North East.
334	Morpeth Town Council	Welcomes recognition that existing conservation areas need to be re-appraised and require management plans.
449	National Trust North East	he Trust would like to see a strengthening of the wording in the second part of this policy. Instead of “consider preparing” in sections g) and h), the Trust would like to see: “prepare and regularly maintain...”
121	North Pennines AONB Partnership	Limited in its references to the need to conserve and enhance historic landscapes. We would seek references to the region's important historic landscapes, such as the miner farmer landscapes of the North Pennines AONB, which imbue the area with much of its character and natural beauty in a number of locations. There is as great a need to conserve these as there is to conserve listed buildings and structures.

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217	Northumberland & Newcastle Society	Strongly support
136	Northumberland National Park	The policy is supported.
338	Northumberland Tyne & Wear NHS	Neutral.
406	Port of Tyne	We only repeat our previous comment relating to the current planning/ proposed World Heritage Site in that it is necessary to achieve the right balance.
124	South Tyneside Council	Whilst the reference to the Candidate World Heritage Site of St Pauls (Jarrow) and St. Peter's (Monkwearmouth) is welcomed in paragraph 3.93, the RSS does not seem to offer any specific support or further protection to the World Heritage Sites (and Candidate ones
151	Sunderland ARC	Historic Environment is supported
105	Tynedale Council	It should be recognised, while an extension to the Buildings at Risk Register would be welcome in terms of managing the stock of Listed Buildings, there are major resource implications and many Local Authorities, including Tynedale, do not have the resources to undertake this work at present.