

## GLOSSARY

**Advertisements** are controlled by the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 1992.

**Affordable Housing** is that built for sale or rent at the lowest end of the housing market prices, or if subsidised, below the market price. Mechanisms to retain housing for local affordable housing needs will be considered.

**Amenity** is the pleasant or normally satisfactory aspects of a location or neighbourhood which contributes to its enjoyment by residents and visitors.

**Amusement Centres** includes such activities as bingo halls and clubs, prize bingo centres, amusements-with-prize machines, for example fruit machines, and amusement-only machines such as pin tables and video games.

**Areas of High Landscape Value** are those areas within the Borough outside the national landscape designations, which the Borough Council on conducting an assessment of the landscape believes to be of particular landscape value.

**Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)** are designated by the Countryside Commission under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949. Their primary purpose is the conservation and enhancement of natural beauty. In pursuing the primary purpose of designation, account should be taken of the needs of agriculture, forestry, other rural industries and the economic and social needs of local communities. Particular regard should be paid to promoting sustainable forms of social and economic development, which in themselves conserve and enhance the environment. Recreation is not an objective of designation, but the demand for recreation should be met so far as this is consistent with the conservation of natural beauty and the needs of agriculture, forestry and other uses.

**Berwick-upon-Tweed Draft Town Centre District Plan** is an unadopted Local Plan published by the Borough Council in 1979.

**Berwick-upon-Tweed Town District Plan** is an adopted Local Plan approved by the Secretary of State for the Environment, 4th February 1988.

**Caravan** means any structure designed or adapted for human habitation which is capable of being moved from one place to another (whether by being towed, or by being transported on a motor vehicle or trailer) and any motor vehicle so designed or adapted, but does not include;

- (a) any railway rolling stock which is for the time being on rails forming part of a railway system;
- or,
- (b) any tent.

**Caravan site** means land of which a caravan is stationed for the purposes of human habitation and land which is used in conjunction with land on which a caravan is stationed.

**Chalet** means a building, normally constructed in timber, suitable generally as holiday accommodation rather than as a permanent residence due to the lack of amenities incidental to the enjoyment of a dwelling.

**Circulars** are guidance issued by a Government Department, usually, but not always, in support of a Statutory Instrument.

**Conservation Areas** are areas designated by the Local Planning Authority which are considered of special architectural or historic interest the character of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance.

**Development** means the carrying out of building, engineering, mining or other operations in, on, over or under land, or the making of a material change of use of any building or other land.

**Heritage Coasts** are identified by the Countryside Commission to focus attention on the management of the finest stretches of undeveloped coast where the needs of conservation, pressures of recreation and problems of pollution need to be considered in a co-ordinated way.

**Highways Authority** refers to Northumberland County Council.

**Infrastructure** includes roads, drains, sewers and services to facilitate development.

**Listed Buildings** are buildings included in the schedule of buildings of special architectural or historic interest approved by the Secretary of State for National Heritage under terms of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. Listed Buildings are protected by statute and consent is required for alterations.

**Local Nature Reserves** are declared and managed by Local Authorities under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949.

**Local Planning Authority** for most purposes is the Borough Council, but for the functions of strategic planning, minerals control and waste disposal matters is Northumberland County Council. The Northumberland National Park Authority are the Local Planning Authority in respect of the National Park.

**National Nature Reserves** are sites of national or international importance for nature conservation, owned, leased or managed under agreement by English Nature, or bodies approved by English Nature. All National Nature Reserves are designated Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

**Northumberland Coast Management Plan** is a non-statutory plan prepared by Northumberland County Council in co-operation with the coastal District Councils including Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Council, the Countryside Commission, English Nature, the National Trust and Northumberland Wildlife Trust.

**Northumberland County Development Plan** is the statutory development plan prepared in 1959 by Northumberland County Council.

**Northumberland County Structure Plan** was originally prepared by Northumberland County Council and approved by the Secretary of State for the Environment in September 1980. Alteration No. 1 was approved with modifications by the Secretary of State in February 1988. A replacement Structure Plan has been considered at an "Examination in Public" and is scheduled for Adoption in 1996.

**Permitted development rights** are rights to carry out certain limited forms of development without the need for an express planning permission. These rights are granted under terms of the Town and Country Planning General Development Order 1988.

**Phase 1 Habitat Survey** is a standardised system for classifying and mapping wildlife habitats in all parts of Great Britain.

**Planning Policy Guidance** is issued by the Secretary of State for the Environment.

**Principal elevation** is an elevation comprising one of the main aspects of a building and making a significant contribution to its structure.

**Public Rights of Way** are designated under the Highways Act 1959. Their administration is presently carried out in Northumberland by the County Council.

**Ramsar Sites** are sites of international importance identified under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, especially as Waterfowl Habitat. They embrace the ecological importance of wetlands generally and are all designated as SSSI's.

**Regional Planning Guidance (RPG)** is issued by the Secretary of State for the Environment. Guidance for the North-East (RPG 7) was published in September 1993.

**Remote working** involves the use of information technology to undertake business functions in locations remote from the concentrations of such activities.

**Residential care homes** are properties falling within Class C2 of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987-1991.

**Rural Development Programme** is an annual programme for Priority Areas identified by the Rural Development Commission, and including Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough other than the five Berwick-upon-Tweed town wards.

**Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAM's)** are defined as any monument which is for the time being included in the Schedule of Monuments compiled and maintained for the purposes of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 by the Secretary of State for National Heritage. Scheduled Ancient Monuments are protected by statute and a specific Ancient Monument Consent from the Secretary of State for National Heritage is required for alterations.

**Schedule of Buildings of Architectural or Historic Interest** refers to Listed Buildings.

**Semi-Natural Ancient Woodland** is woodland which has continually existed, without being substantially cleared, since medieval times.

**Settlement Envelope** is the boundary of the settlement outside of which housing development will not be permitted except on sites identified in the Local Plan.

**Sites and Monuments Record (SMR)** is a catalogue of known sites of archaeological interest maintained by Northumberland County Council.

**Sites of Nature Conservation Importance (SNCI)** are non-statutory sites of regional significance identified by Northumberland Wildlife Trust and recognised by Local Authorities.

**Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)** are the most important national sites in nature conservation terms notified by English Nature under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended.

**Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)** are sites containing natural habitats of international importance identified under the 1992 European Directive on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora. All Special Areas of Conservation are designated Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

**Special Protection Areas (SPA)** are recognised as being of international importance to birds under the 1979 European Community Directive on the Conservation of Wild Birds, SPA's are solely concerned with habitat as it relates to the needs of birds. They are all designated as SSSI's.

**Till Valley Tourism Initiative** is a tourism development partnership programme for the inland parts of the Borough established in March 1994 between the Borough and County Councils, Northumberland National Park, Rural Development Commission, Countryside Commission, Northumberland Training & Enterprise Council and the private sector.

**Windfall Development** is housing development on sites which are not identified in the Local Plan but which meet criteria within the Plan for development outwith the designated sites. They are additional to the housing allocation.

**Workspace** means the use of land or buildings for the purposes of self employment or the provision of employment for others.