

Issues and Options Consultation Questionnaire

Copeland Borough Council is currently in the process of producing the new *Copeland Local Plan 2017- 2035*. This will become the key document in shaping the planning policy for the borough, replacing the current *Copeland Local Plan 2013- 2028*. This questionnaire is designed to gather your views on the Issues and Options document. Please read the document and answer all questions that are relevant to you.

Please return this form no later than **20th January 2020** to:

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Male	Female	Prefer not to say
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18- 25	26- 35	36-45	46-55	56-65	66-75	76+	Prefer not to say
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Local Plan Vision and Objectives

Question VO1: Is the Vision for Copeland still appropriate? Should this be carried forward into the new Local Plan? Is there anything else which should be included within the Vision?

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Question VO2: Are these objectives still appropriate? Should they be carried forward into the new Local Plan? Is there anything else which should be included?

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Development Strategy

Question DS1: Which key principles should be included within the Council's Development Strategy? (Choose all applicable options)

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Other option, please state:

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Question DS2: Which methods are likely to be the most effective in enabling the delivery of the Council's strategic regeneration priorities? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4	5	6
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Other option, please state:

Question DS3: What type of settlement hierarchy should the Local Plan contain, if any? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4	5
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Other option, please state:

Question DS4: How should the Local Plan define Sustainable Villages? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4	5
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Other option, please state:

Question DS5: If Sustainable Villages are identified in the Local Plan what key services they should include? (Choose as many as applicable and list in order of priority, 1 being the highest priority)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Other option, please state:

Question DS6: How should Employment, retail and housing development be distributed across the borough? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Other option, please state:

Question DS7: Should additional housing development be supported once the housing requirement figures have been met for the lower tiers of the settlement hierarchy? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4	5
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Other option, please state:

Question DS8: Which of the following housing growth options should be supported around Whitehaven? Please see figure 5/ Appendix C (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4	5
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Other option, please state:

Question DS9: Which of the following growth options should be supported around Cleator Moor? Please see figure 6/ Appendix D (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Other option, please state:

Question DS10: Which of the following growth options should be supported around Egremont? Please see figure 7/ Appendix E (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4	5
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Other option, please state:

Question DS11: Which of the following growth options should be supported around Millom? Please see figure 8/ Appendix F (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4
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Other option, please state:

Question DS12: Which tier of settlements in the hierarchy should have identified development boundaries? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Other option, please state:

Question DS13: Should the Local Plan support suitable development directly adjoining the settlement boundary as well as development within it? (Choose one option)

1	2	3
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Other option, please state:

Question DS14: Should the Local Plan continue to set a target for the amount of housing development on previously developed sites? (Choose one option)

1	2	3	4
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Other option, please state:

Question DS15: Are there any other issues which should be addressed within this chapter? (Please provide details)

Housing

Question H1: How many homes should be built in the Borough annually over the plan period 2017-2035? (Choose one option)

1	2	3	4	5
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Other option, please state:

Question H2: How much land should the Local Plan allocate for housing? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4	5
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Other option, please state:

Question H3: What density should be applied when estimating the housing yield of potential housing allocations? (Choose one option)

1	2	3	4	5
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Other option, please state:

Question H4: How can the Local Plan ensure that the most efficient use is made of land when determining applications on unallocated sites? (Choose one option)

1	2	3	4
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Other option, please state:

Question H5: How can the Local Plan help increase the number of affordable homes in Copeland to meet identified needs?

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Other option, please state:

Question H6: How can the Local Plan help meet the housing needs of Gypsy and Travellers (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3
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Other option, please state:

Question H7: How can the Local Plan help reduce the number of long term empty homes in Copeland? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4	5
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Other option, please state:

Question H8: How can the Local Plan help improve the borough's existing housing stock? (Choose one option)

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Other option, please state:

Question H9: How can the Council ensure that an appropriate mix of housing is delivered over the plan period? (Choose one option)

1	2	3
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Other option, please state:

Question H10: How should the Local Plan ensure the housing needs of older and disabled people are met? (Choose one option)

1	2	3	4
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Other option, please state:

Question H11: How can the Local Plan help ensure the needs of those requiring extra care housing are met? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4
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Other option, please state:

Question H12: How can the Local Plan support those wishing to develop self and custom build housing? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3
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Other option, please state:

Question H13: How can the Local Plan support communities who want to deliver community-led housing projects? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2
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Other option, please state:

Question H14: How can the Local Plan minimise any detrimental effects arising from conversion and sub-division of existing properties within settlement boundaries? (Choose one option)

1	2
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Other option, please state:

Question H15: How can the Local Plan reduce any detrimental impacts arising from the sub-division of properties to create large houses of multiple occupancy? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3
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Other option, please state:

Question H16: How can the Council reduce any detrimental impacts arising from householder extensions and alterations? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3
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Other option, please state:

Question H17: Should the Local Plan set out which types of housing will be supported in the open countryside? (Choose one option)

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Other option, please state:

Question H18: Should the Local Plan contain a policy which supports the development of rural exception sites? (Choose one option)

1	2	3
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Other option, please state:

Question H19: How can the Local Plan ensure that rural exception sites are available for residents with a local connection? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2
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Other option, please state:

Question H20: Should the Local Plan include a policy which limits the size of replacement dwellings in the open countryside? (Choose one option)

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Other option, please state:

Question H21: How should the Local Plan ensure that traditional rural buildings can be converted to residential dwellings without detriment to the character of the area? (Choose one option)

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Other option, please state:	

Question H22: Should the Council set a limit on the scale of residential extensions within the open countryside? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	
Other option, please state:		

Question H23: Are there any other issues which should be addressed within this chapter? (Please provide details)

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Economy and Employment

Question E1: How can the Local Plan best ensure that sufficient land is available to support the growth aspirations for the Borough? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Other option, please state:						

Question E2: Should the Local Plan continue to restrict permitted uses at West Lakes Science Park?
(Choose one option)

1	2	3
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Other option, please state:

Question E3: Should the Local Plan continue with the same approach for ancillary uses of development at West Lakes Science Park, if not what approach should be taken? (Choose one option)

1	2	3
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Other option, please state:

Question E4: What option should the Local Plan take to safeguard existing employment areas?
(Choose one option)

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Other option, please state:

Question E5: Should the Local Plan take additional measures to support the rural economy? (Choose one option)

1	2
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Other option, please state:

Question E6: Are there any other issues which should be addressed within this chapter? (Please provide details):

Nuclear

Question N1: Where should the Local Plan direct workers who are to be relocated from the Sellafield site? (Choose one option)

1	2	3	4
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Other option, please state:

Question N2: How can the Local Plan best support new nuclear energy generation in the future to meet the UK's low carbon agenda? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3
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Other option, please state:

Retail and Leisure

Question R1: Where should Whitehaven's Town Centre boundary be? (Choose one option)

1	2	3	4
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Other option (please provide plan and details)

Question R2: Where should the Key Service Centres town centre boundaries be? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Other option, please state:

Question R3: Should the Borough's towns have defined primary shopping areas? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Other option, please state:

Question R4: How should the Local Plan set out what uses will be permitted in Primary Shopping Areas (If defined) (Choose one option)

1	2	3	4
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Other option, please state:

Question R5: Should the Local Plan include a specific policy requiring developers to undergo a sequential test where existing planning conditions are in place for retail uses to protect the vitality and viability of the Town centres? (Whitehaven, Cleator Moor, Egremont, Millom) (Choose one option)

1	2
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Other option, please state:

Question R6: Should the Local Plan set local (net) thresholds for retail and leisure uses requiring Impact Assessments on units/sites above a certain size in order to protect the vitality and viability of Whitehaven, the Key Service Centres and Local Centres? (Choose all options that apply)

1	2	3
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Other option, please state:

Question R7: Should the Council consider facilitating edge of centre site(s) in Whitehaven that could provide land for future growth of retail and town centre uses (Refer to NPPF Glossary) that meet the Sequential Test in terms of evidencing that any proposal cannot be accommodated within the town centre boundary? (Please select yes or no option, along with further details and options)

1	2	3
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Other option, please state:

Question R8: If edge of centre retail and town centre uses are facilitated in Whitehaven where should the direction of growth be? (Choose one option)

1	2	3	4
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Other option (please provide plan and details):

Question R9: What steps should be taken to ensure that alterations to shopping frontages are carried out in a way that is sympathetic to the heritage of Copeland? (Choose one option)

1	2
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Other option, please state:

Question R10: Should the Council introduce a specific policy to improve the aesthetic and environmental quality of town centres? (Choose one option)

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Other option, please state:

Question R11: Should the proposal for a new indoor market/business start-up centre in Whitehaven be explored? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3
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Other option, please state:

Question R12: What steps should be taken to improve digital connectivity across the towns and transmission speeds in key locations to support a cluster approach to draw together creative and high-tech businesses to collate and drive new enterprise? (Choose one option)

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Other option, please state:

Question R13: What improvements should be considered to promote sustainable transport in and around Whitehaven Town Centre? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Other option, please state:

Question R14: Which parts of the Town Centre should be considered appropriate for residential use? (Choose all appropriate options)

1	2	3	4	5
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Other option, please state:

Question R15: Should the Local Plan protect rural shops and services? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3
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Other option, please state:

Question R16: Are there any other issues which should be addressed within this chapter? (Please provide details):

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Tourism

Question T1: Which of the following approaches is the most appropriate in relation to maximising the potential of (non-accommodation) tourism in the borough? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4
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Other option, please state:

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Question T2: Should the Local Plan continue identifying Tourism Opportunity Sites (Choose one option)

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Other option, please state:

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Question T3: What approaches can be taken to promote tourism in coastal locations? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Other option, please state:

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Question T4: What options should be taken to improve both the quality and quantity of overnight visitor accommodation in the Borough, with preference given to the Spatial Development Strategy with respect to location hierarchy, unless other locations can be robustly justified? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4
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Other option, please state:

Question T5: What option should be taken to safeguard overnight visitor accommodation (Hotels, Guest Houses, Bed and Breakfast, Holiday Cottages)? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3
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Other option, please state:

Question T6: What option should be taken to ensure Caravans and Lodges (Tourist sites) do not become permanent places of residence? (Choose one option)

1	2	3	4
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Other option, please state:

Question T7: Are there any other issues which should be addressed within this chapter? (Please provide details):

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Question T8: What additional measures can the Council take to promote Copeland as a tourist destination and achieve its ambitions? (Please provide details):

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Climate and Coastal Change

Question CC1: How can the Local Plan increase the use of renewable energy within developments in the borough? (Choose all appropriate options)

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Other option, please state:

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Question CC2: What additional measures should be considered as a means of reducing the carbon footprint of new developments, renovations and householder alterations/extensions, where appropriate? (Choose all appropriate options)

1	2	3	4	5
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Other option, please state:

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Question CC3: How can the Local Plan support large scale renewable energy developments? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3
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Other option, please state:

Question CC4: Which parts of the borough should be excluded when identifying land as Suitable Areas for Wind Energy development? (Choose all applicable options)

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Other option, please state:

Question CC5: How can the Local Plan deliver green infrastructure to mitigate against climate change? (Choose all appropriate options)

1	2	3	4	5
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Other option, please state:

Question CC6: Are there any additional options for improving air quality which should be considered through the Local Plan process? Please provide further information

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Question CC7: How can the Local Plan minimise the risk of flooding in new developments and ensure new development does not increase the risk of flooding elsewhere? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4
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Other option, please state:

Question CC8: How can the Local Plan promote the use of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS)?
(Choose all appropriate options)

1	2	3	4
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Other option, please state:

Question CC9: Are there any additional options for managing water demand which should be considered through the Local Plan process? Please provide details.

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Question CC10: Are there any other issues this chapter of the Local Plan should cover? Please provide details.

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Natural Environment

Question NE1: Should the Local Plan include a requirement for 10% biodiversity net gain in new developments? (Please choose one option)

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Other option, please state:

Question NE2: How can the Local Plan protect areas of Green Infrastructure? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4	5
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Other option, please state:

Question NE3: How should the Council increase tree cover in the borough? (Choose all appropriate options)

1	2	3
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Other option, please state:

Question NE4: How can the Local Plan help protect soils from degradation? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4
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Other option, please state:

Question NE5: How can the Local Plan help protect the borough's best and most versatile land?

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Other option, please state:

Question NE6: Should the Local Plan continue to support the management of the undeveloped coast for biodiversity? (Choose one option)

1

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Other option, please state:

Question NE7: Should development be permitted within areas identified as undeveloped coastline? (Choose one option)

1

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Other option, please state:

Question NE8: How can the Local Plan ensure a high level of landscaping is provided in new developments? (Choose all applicable options)

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Other option, please state:

Question NE9: Should the Local Plan continue to require landscaping to be maintained for a minimum of 5 years? (Choose one option)

1	2	3	4	5
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Other option, please state:

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Question NE10: Are there any other issues which should be considered in this chapter?

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Built Environment

Question BE1: How should the Council promote good design in all developments? (Choose all applicable options)

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Other option, please state:

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Question BE2: Should the Council encourage or require dwellings to be built to the BRE Standard? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3
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Other option, please state:

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Question BE3: How can the Local Plan ensure advertisements requiring planning permission are not harmful to the streetscene or cause unacceptable levels of light pollution? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3
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Other option, please state:

Question BE4: How can the Local Plan preserve and enhance the borough's heritage assets? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4	5
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Other option, please state:

Contributions

Question I1: In terms of Section 106 contributions which local infrastructure type(s) should be the priority where there are several requirements for new development proposals (that meet the tests set out in Para 56a, b, c NPPF)? (Please select in priority order, with 1 being the highest priority)

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Other option, please state:

Question I2: Should the Council investigate the feasibility of introducing a CIL Charging Schedule? (Choose one option)

1	2	3
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Other option, please state:

Question I3: Are there any other issues which should be addressed within this chapter? (Please provide details)

Transport

Question TR1: What should be done to improve accessibility and sustainable transport provision across Copeland? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4	5
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Other option, please state:

Question TR2: What do you think the Council's priorities should be in terms of promoting investment bids? (Please rank in order of priority, with 1 being the most important)

1	2	3	4	5	6

Other option, please state:

Question TR3: What measures can be taken to support sustainable transport in rural parts of the borough? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4
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Other option, please state:

Question TR4: Should Copeland BC continue to assess parking standards for relevant planning applications against the Cumbria Design Guide (or any subsequent document)? (Choose one option)

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Other option, please state:

Communications

Question C1: How can Copeland optimise the delivery of telecommunications infrastructure? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3
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Other option, please state:

Question C2: How can the borough support proposals for the appropriate installation of electronic communication provisions? (Choose one option)

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Other option, please state:

Question C3: Are there any other issues which should be addressed within this chapter? (Please provide details)

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Healthy Communities

Question CE1: Should the Local Plan include minimum open space standards? (Choose all applicable options)

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Other option, please state:

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Question CE2: Should the new Local Plan include a policy on Health? If yes, what specific issues should it cover? (Choose all applicable options)

1	2	3	4	5
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Other option, please state:

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Question CE3: Where should provision of new and enhanced community facilities (Built health and leisure) be located? (Choose all applicable options)

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Other option, please state:

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Question CE4: How should the requirements for the provision and amount of health and community facilities on new residential development be agreed? (Choose one option)

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Other option, please state:

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Question CE5: How should Community Facilities, Health Provision and Public Open Space be protected? (Choose one option)

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Other option, please state:

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Question CE6: What additional measures can be taken to improve health, well-being and community inclusion in the borough?

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Question CE7: Are there any other issues which should be addressed within this chapter? (Please provide details)

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Thank you for completing this questionnaire