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# Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (DPD): Issues and Options Consultation

## Your comments

### About Development Management Policies DPD Issues and Options Discussion Paper

Please complete a separate sheet for each 'Policy Area' you wish to comment on and, if appropriate, give the question number you are commenting on.

Please indicate which policy area your response relates to:

Policy area	Tick (ü) as appropriate
General Requirements	
Housing	
Economy, Town Centres and Tourism	
Quality Environment and Quality Design	
Sustainable Communities and Health & Wellbeing	✓
Sustainable Travel and Access	

Please make your comments below on the 'Policy Area' you have selected. Where appropriate, make reference to:

- the Topic you are referring to;
- your preferred Option, and;
- the question number asked in the Discussion Paper

Topic Area:	Renewable and Low Carbon Energy
Preferred Option:	Option 2: Adopt a new policy setting out criteria applicable to all technologies resulting in the replacement of all the relevant saved Local Plan policies
Question Number referred to:	58 and 59

## Your comments

### 58. Which option do you think is appropriate?

***Option 2: Adopt a new policy setting out criteria applicable to all technologies resulting in the replacement of all the relevant saved Local Plan policies.***

Options 1 and 3 are not appropriate as they would not be able to meet the Written Ministerial Statement (WMS) / Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) tests with regard to Onshore Wind Development (unless the Wind Energy SPD is updated to include the identification of suitable areas). The only approach which ensures that South Lakeland DC has an appropriate up-to-date wind energy policy would be via Option 2, i.e. adopt a new policy and, if necessary, a new Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

### 59. If a new policy is needed should it:

- Include criteria for judging applications only?
- What criteria should be included?
- Apply specific criteria to different types of renewable and low carbon energy source proposals? What issues to different sources generate?
- Include criteria and also seek to fill the gaps left by existing policies (such as, but not exclusively, identifying locations and accounting for recent government announcements)?

An overarching policy on renewable and low carbon energy development to include criteria generic to all types of project (e.g. landscape/visual; ecology and nature conservation; cultural heritage; hydrology/flood risk; access, traffic and transportation; residential amenity; associated infrastructure / grid connections; decommissioning / site restoration; economic benefits etc.); together with specific policies with distinct criteria applying to different projects, e.g. shadow flicker / noise / aviation for onshore wind developments.

The specific policy for onshore wind should address the WMS requirement that suitable areas for wind energy development "will need to have been allocated clearly in the Local or Neighbourhood Plan," where the strong presumption should naturally be that the sites where wind energy planning permissions have been granted have already been deemed to be suitable areas for such development and therefore should automatically be included as such. The case for applications to extend the duration of planning permission for operational assets beyond the original planning end date should be considered in light of the experience gained during their actual working on the site (paraphrased from Paragraph 7 of Application Ref: 5/90/2312 granting consent for Kirkby Moor.) For applications to repower an existing wind farm at the end of its life there should be a presumption in favour of approval as wind energy development is an established use on the site.

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