

Transport and Infrastructure

14.1 South Tyneside's future growth and environmental sustainability cannot be achieved without infrastructure.

14.2 The term infrastructure refers to physical facilities, social and environmental services such as roads and other transport facilities, flood defences, schools and other educational facilities, health facilities, sporting and recreational facilities and open spaces. This is not an exhaustive list and there may be a range of other services and facilities that could constitute infrastructure, which will be required to deliver the Plan.

14.3 The policies in this chapter seek to address the aims of strategic objectives 14 and 15.

Policy SP25: Infrastructure

The delivery of the social, environmental, and physical infrastructure that the borough requires will be met by:

1. Ensuring that the infrastructure required to support new development is delivered as an integral part of the development at the appropriate stage and, where appropriate, improves any deficiencies in existing provision
2. Ensuring that development provides or contributes towards the provision of measures to directly mitigate the impacts of the development and make it acceptable in planning terms and contribute towards the delivery of essential infrastructure identified in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan

3. Supporting new and enhancing existing sustainable transport infrastructure to reduce reliance on private vehicles, improving air quality, and addressing other environmental challenges

4. Ensuring that the design of infrastructure takes climate-change resilience into account

5. Working with operators to maximise telecommunications coverage throughout the borough subject to other relevant considerations

14.4 The South Tyneside Vision 2023 – 2043 identifies the delivery of infrastructure and transport improvements as a key requirement to delivering the council's ambitions. This includes rolling out improved mobile and broadband connectivity, new walking and cycling routes and investment in local roads and public transport.

14.5 Whilst the Council has a key role to play in delivering policies and proposals, their implementation will require the combined efforts and investment of a range of Partners. The Council will have a vital role in coordinating the actions and activities of these Partners.

14.6 The Plan has been developed in consultation with Partners responsible for infrastructure delivery to ensure that essential infrastructure will be delivered in a timely manner. There remain some areas which will require on-going consultation with the responsible bodies and agencies to identify future, unforeseen needs.

14.7 To ensure the infrastructure required is delivered, the Plan is supported by an Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) which provides detail of the infrastructure that is necessary to enable growth to occur. The Council will keep the IDP under review to measure progress. The IDP principally identifies high level strategic infrastructure and does not include site specific infrastructure requirements, which will be dealt with through individual planning applications.

Social and community infrastructure

Policy 50: Social and community infrastructure

1. Where there is an identified need, the Council will support the provision of social and community infrastructure of a scale that is appropriate to that need and in a location that is demonstrably accessible to the community it is intended to serve by a range of sustainable travel modes
2. To ensure that identified needs for community infrastructure, including health and education, are met, the Council will: