

SEA Consultation Guidance: Full Q1-Q25 Answer Support

This document provides clear guidance and optional sample answers for all 25 consultation questions. It is designed to help respondents provide informed, consistent, and effective responses, with tailored notes for Adlington where relevant.

Q1 - Type of Respondent

Guidance: Select whether you are responding as an individual, on behalf of an organisation, or both.

Most residents will select "individual or member of the public."

Sample Answer: "I am responding as an individual resident."

Q2 - Area You Are Responding About

Guidance: Select "specific proposed new town location" and choose Adlington, Cheshire East.

Sample Answer: "I am responding about the proposed new town location at Adlington, Cheshire East."

Q3 - Your Connection to the Location

Guidance: Choose the option that best describes your connection. Most residents will select "resident nearby."

Sample Answer: "I am a local resident living near the proposed Adlington site."

Q4-6 - Organisation Details (if applicable)

Guidance: Only complete if responding on behalf of an organisation. Otherwise select "not applicable."

Sample Answer: "Not applicable - I am responding as an individual."

Q7 - Positive Features of Locations

Guidance: You may select brownfield locations such as Manchester Victoria North or Leeds South Bank. Avoid selecting Adlington, as it does not meet sustainable criteria.

Sample Answer: "Manchester Victoria North and Leeds South Bank have strong brownfield regeneration potential and existing infrastructure."

Q8 - Barriers to Delivery

Guidance: Adlington faces major barriers including environmental harm, wildlife corridor loss, infrastructure limitations, and community opposition.

Sample Answer: "Adlington faces significant barriers including ecological damage, loss of wildlife corridors, and inadequate infrastructure."

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Q9 - Environmental Issues Identified

Guidance: You may state that the SEA has not fully captured the environmental sensitivity of Adlington.

Sample Answer: "The SEA underestimates the environmental sensitivity of Adlington, particularly wildlife corridors and soil carbon loss."

Q10 - Additional Environmental Information

Guidance: Mention wildlife, farmland, flooding, and biodiversity.

Sample Answer: "The SEA should consider the loss of productive farmland, hedgerows, and increased flood risk."

Q11 - Mitigation Measures

Guidance: You may state that meaningful mitigation is not possible for irreversible environmental loss.

Sample Answer: "Irreplaceable habitats cannot be mitigated. The only effective measure is avoiding development at Adlington."

Q12 - Other Feedback on the SEA

Guidance: Highlight gaps in assessment.

Sample Answer: "The SEA does not adequately assess cumulative ecological impacts or long-term climate resilience."

Q13 - Suitability of Proposed Locations

Guidance: You may state that Adlington should not be selected and brownfield alternatives are more suitable.

Sample Answer: "Adlington does not meet the programme objectives. Brownfield sites are more sustainable and deliverable."

Q14 - Government Offer

Guidance: Suggest stronger brownfield incentives.

Sample Answer: "Government support should prioritise brownfield regeneration through tax incentives and remediation funding."

Q15 - Design and Placemaking Interventions

Guidance: Emphasise nature protection and community involvement.

Sample Answer: "Government should require stronger ecosystem protection and meaningful community engagement."

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Q16 - Clarity of Planning Policy

Guidance: You may state that the policy lacks clarity on brownfield prioritisation.

Sample Answer: "The policy is unclear on how brownfield-first principles will be enforced."

Q17 - Placemaking Principles

Guidance: Support principles but highlight need for stronger environmental safeguards.

Sample Answer: "Placemaking principles are positive but require mandatory protection of wildlife corridors."

Q18 - Flexibility in Policy

Guidance: Suggest clearer guidance for environmentally sensitive areas.

Sample Answer: "Flexibility should not override environmental protection in sensitive locations like Adlington."

Q19 - Affordable Housing Target

Guidance: You may question whether 40% is realistic or locally appropriate.

Sample Answer: "The 40% target may not reflect local affordability challenges in Cheshire East."

Q20 - Weight Given to Social and Economic Benefits

Guidance: Highlight need to balance benefits with environmental harm.

Sample Answer: "The policy should ensure environmental harm is not outweighed by speculative economic benefits."

Q21 - Green Belt Policy

Guidance: Emphasise the need for stronger protection.

Sample Answer: "Green Belt policy should be strengthened to prevent inappropriate development at Adlington."

Q22 - Safeguarding Land

Guidance: Suggest clearer criteria for safeguarding farmland and ecologically important regions.

Sample Answer: "Safeguarding should not apply to environmentally sensitive Green Belt locations."

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Q23 - Additional Planning Policies

Guidance: Suggest mandatory brownfield-first rules.

Sample Answer: "A mandatory brownfield-first policy is needed to support sustainable development."

Q24 - Impacts on Protected Groups

Guidance: Consider access to green space, transport, and services.

Sample Answer: "Loss of green space may disproportionately affect older residents and families with young children."

Q25 - Any Other Comments

Guidance: Provide any final thoughts.

Sample Answer: "Adlington is an unsuitable location for a new town. Brownfield regeneration offers a more sustainable alternative."