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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This policy statement has been prepared to support the planning application for the new 20 cell custody suite for South Yorkshire Police. The statement shall provide a description of the relevant policies included within the development plan, together with an assessment of the proposal's compliance with them.
- 1.2 The application site is located at the existing divisional Headquarters at Churchfield, Barnsley. The site currently houses a 24 cell suite, which will be demolished to accommodate the new proposals. The surrounding area comprises a mixture of uses, including the Magistrates Court, council offices, commercial and residential uses. Its location is highlighted in red on the aerial photo opposite.
- 1.3 Further details on the nature of the proposals and the characteristics of the adjoining area are included in the Design and Access Statement which has been prepared as part of the planning application.

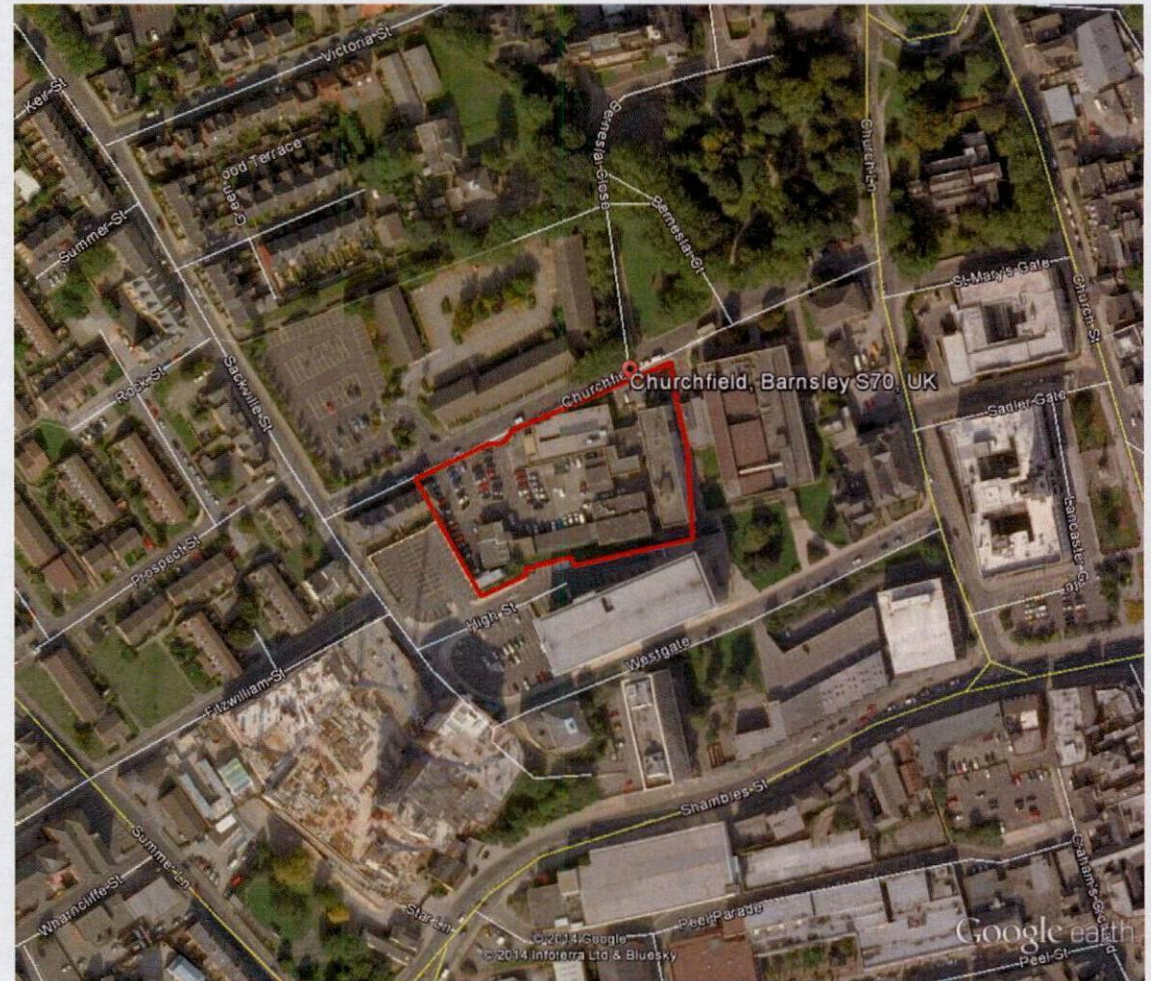


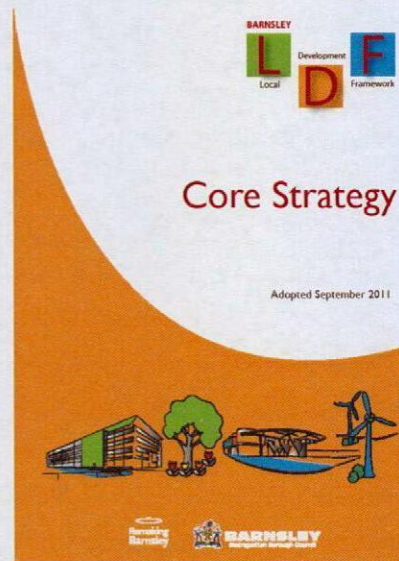
Figure 1 – Aerial View of Site

2.0 Development Plan

2.1 Barnsley's statutory development plan consists of several elements. These include the Core Strategy, the remaining saved policies of the Unitary Development Plan and the Regional Spatial Strategy.

2.2 The site lies within the town centre of the Unitary Development Plan, however is not subject to any other specific designation. This being the case, the relevant policies which apply to the proposal are contained in the Core Strategy.

2.3 Given that the site is currently used by South Yorkshire Police, and the proposal involves the provision of improved facilities for the emergency services, the first policy which requires to be considered is *CSP 43: Education Facilities and Community Uses*. This states that council will support the provision of new community facilities, and gives encouragement to these being located centrally, to allow access by a range of modes of transport. The policy goes on to state that existing facilities will be protected from other forms of development.



2.4 The proposal involves the provision of new and improved police custody facilities on an existing town centre site, which is highly accessible to all users. Given these characteristics, it enjoys strong support from CSP 43.

2.5 *Policy CSP11: Town Centres* is also relevant, and it seeks to support the role of Barnsley town centre, encouraging "town centre development" to locate in this area. The proposed custody suite would fall into this category, and the proposal therefore also enjoys support from this element of the policy

2.6 Given the content of policies CSP 43 and 11, it is clear that the principle of the development is supported by the development plan for Barnsley. In terms of detailed policy matters, *CSP 29: Design* is also relevant. This confirms that high quality development will be expected, that respects, takes advantage of and enhances the distinctive features of Barnsley. The proposed development complies with these requirements, as described in the accompanying Design and Access Statement.

2.7 The current proposal involves the upgrading of South Yorkshire Police's facilities on an existing site, which is located within the town centre. Development of this nature is supported by the development plan for the area, thereby giving strong support for the approval of this application.