Letter to the Editor of the Newcastle Herald

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It’s good to see public discussion of the Government’s recently-released Newcastle Urban Renewal Strategy in the pages of The Herald (“Centred on city renewal” – 10/1/12 and “Inner city at crossroads” – 15/1/12).

The strategy is on exhibition until 17 March and the department is keen to hear from Newcastle residents about their visions for a revitalised city.

It’s important to note, however, that the current strategy does not propose to limit the natural and expected growth of suburban shopping precincts in areas like Hamilton, Wallsend and Mayfield.

Whilst the Newcastle city centre itself is a priority for the strategy, not at the expense of other suburban centres that play such an important role in the life of local communities.

We recognise that growth in retail development needs to also be accommodated in other well serviced centres.

Yours sincerely,

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