

# Lanchester Parish Council



## Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Lynwood House  
Thursday 25 January 2018  
2.30pm

**Present** Mike Wardle (Chair),  
Councillor Paul Jackson, Councillor David Friesner,  
Chris Phillips, Brian Naylor, Steve Bailey, Mike Gladstone,  
Jill Gladstone

Shaun Hanson - Planning Advice Plus

### 1. Welcome

Mike Wardle welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The group were informed that work continues with the designated status for Back Lane.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Ossie Johnson, Councillor Keith Harrison, Councillor David Smith, Terry Coult, Elaine Hogg and Stuart Carter

### 3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 4. Notes from the last meeting

The notes from the meeting held on 14 December were received.

### 5. Durham County Plan - update

The timetable remains the same with the first draft consultation document to be distributed in June/July 2018.

## **6. Policy Development**

The Chair thanked everyone for their continued work on the policies.

The policy areas were considered and the following comments made:

### **Edge of Settlement Housing Policy**

- No further comments

### **Promoting Good Practice in the Design of New Development**

- The policy detail was considered
- The three stages to this policy were discussed. Stage 1 is to establish the criteria in the policy box. Stage 2 is to expand the criteria with explanatory text. Stage 3 is to provide the design guidance for the policy criteria.
- Stage 1 and 2 are mostly completed.
- Stage 3 the design guidance is still to be completed. This is a substantial piece of work. Stage 3 needs to provide design details on the policy criteria.
- It is suggested that Stage 3 could be completed by way of photos / pictures with bullet point / sentences to provide the guidance

### **Historic Environment**

- It was suggested that the list of designated assets be included
- It was suggested that the list of Local List of Interest be included
- Need to emphasize the Local List of Interest
- Need to emphasize the importance of Longovicium
- It was suggested that pictures of the fort and church should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan
- The plan should showcase some of the best examples of Lanchester
- Heritage is very important and significant to Lanchester
- It was suggested that the front covers of the Conservation Area Appraisal, Heritage Audit etc be used within the policy section to demonstrate the importance of heritage.
- It was suggested that the last 5 bullet points could be moved to be within the policy box

### **Green Spaces and the Rural (Natural) Environment**

- The 6 policies were considered
- Photos and maps are crucial to this section
- There was a discussion on whether 'Views' should be located within this section or the Heritage Environment section. Should it be referred to in both sections. It was agreed that Shaun and Stuart would discuss this matter.
- The photos for the 'Views' are important. The County Council may be able to provide some advice.
- With regard to policy GSRE 5 – there was a discussion on whether this would be adequately covered by the County Council
- Shaun and Stuart are to consider where walking and cycling should be located in the plan.

### **Transport & Travel**

- Shaun and Stuart are to discuss the two policies
- With regard to TT1 – the statement ‘to improve upon parking arrangements’ needs to be included
- Any other design guidelines for parking would come from County guidelines

### **Business & Employment**

- BE1 refers to village centre. Other areas of the Parish are covered by County policies. This policy does not prevent development in other areas of the Parish.
- BE6 – Shaun and Stuart to discuss if this policy is required

The next steps following this meeting were agreed:

- Stuart Carter and Shaun Hanson to meet to discuss and check policies and provide feedback
- The Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment (SEIA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) are progressed through the County Council
- The policies are considered at a Parish Council meeting

At the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group there will be feedback from Durham County Council, Shaun Hanson and the Parish Council. It is hoped that the introductory information for the plan will also be available for the next meeting.

There are elements of repetition across all policies. This will be edited at a later date.

## **7. Older Persons Housing Policy**

It was agreed that something should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

## **8. Mapping**

Work continues to compile a list of maps for the plan.

Durham County Council have agreed to assist with map preparation.

It was agreed that the current list of maps is circulated to the group for comment and to suggest additional maps.

It will be necessary to consider how much information goes on each map and how many maps are required.

## **9. Designation of Green Spaces**

The group discussed the designation of green spaces and whether the Neighbourhood Plan should designate any areas. Once designated it has greater protection. There is only the opportunity to designate green spaces as part of the Neighbourhood Plan process.

The group working on the Green Spaces and Rural Environment policies had produced a list of possible areas for consideration for designation. In addition the Open Space Needs Assessment identified areas of green space.

It was agreed that a list of green spaces is circulated around the group and feedback is sought on designation and other possible sites.

## **10. Next Steps**

- Stuart Carter and Shaun Hanson to meet to discuss and check policies and provide feedback
- The Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment (SEIA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) are progressed through the County Council
- The policies are tabled at a Parish Council meeting
- The current list of maps is circulated to the group for comment
- A list of green spaces is circulated around the group and feedback is sought on designation.

## **11. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the full group to be arranged following the work undertaken by Shaun and Stuart on policy review.

Meeting ends 5.30pm