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## Comments on the Durham Neighbourhood Plan

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Dear Sirs

The meeting attended by John Ashby, Sue Childs, Peter Smith and Terry Greenwell on 29 November 2017 refers.

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Under the auspices of Lovegreen Developments we have a number of comments on the Durham Neighbourhood Plan for your consideration. Lovegreen Developments is a development company set up primarily to explore the regeneration potential of the area of land between the Radisson Hotel and Crook Hall along Framwelgate Waterside. The general aims and aspirations are outlined in the attached feasibility report. In essence the proposal seeks to deliver a complementary form of family housing development in a relatively neglected area of the city, at the same time finding a more appropriate home for the primary substation, a significant inhibitor to the visual amenity. The feasibility report is now several years old, having been overtaken by events in the form of the emerging Durham Plan, and some of the issues may need to be revisited. For example the listed stakeholders and supporters of the scheme would need to be re-consulted. In addition the car park adjacent to the substation is now owned by Lovegreen Developments.

We believe this initiative is totally compliant with the 6 themes of the DNP Vision and Objectives and would contribute greatly to the amenity of the River Corridor. It is obviously not without its challenges but at some point the future of the substation needs to be tackled at a civic and townscape level, much as the development of the Radisson Hotel finally resolved a number of inappropriate land use issues.

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The above issue is clearly site-specific. However we have the following development management matter to draw your attention to. Development Briefs were in the past very useful to developers and the general public alike, not to mention the LPA. Would it not be in the interests of the City to restore them?

Terry Greenwell and Peter Smith for Lovegreen Developments

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