

Durham County Council's Response to Durham City's Neighbourhood Plan

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Dear Durham City Parish Councillors,

In response to your public consultation on the latest draft Durham City Neighbourhood Plan please find attached the county council's detailed representations.

As you are aware officers of this council have continued to offer their support to the Parish Council in preparing this neighbourhood plan. Whilst I am pleased to see that the plan has evolved as a consequence of this input, there are still a number of very important matters outstanding which are of significant concern to the county council. These principally relate to the scope of some of the policies proposed, their alignment with national policy, the clarity of wording and/or implications of some policies. This plan also continues to miss the opportunity to provide finer grained, locally distinctive policies which would supplement and add value to the national and local plan policy context. These concerns and potential solutions are set out in the attached appendix. I consider it pertinent to raise these matters at this stage in the plan making process. I do hope that you are able to take them on board in the next version of the neighbourhood plan.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the availability of the support and the experience that this council can continue to offer in preparing the neighbourhood plan in order that the most appropriate and effective neighbourhood plan for the area can be secured which compliments and builds upon the national and local plan context.

I would be happy to discuss this matter further.

Kind regards

Stuart

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