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Thankyou for sight of the above for public consultation.

It is an amazingly detailed piece of work and I am aware it has been achieved by a team of highly dedicated and informed volunteers .....so many many thanks to them.

I/ we are fortunate to live in the heart of Durham City and it is impossible to fail to notice the demise of domestic housing stock ,sometimes entire streets,and the subsequent imbalancing of the community .

Our offspring were all born and raised in Durham City and while there are still green places to play and no schools have closed there is a dramatic fall in the number of children actually living in the city centre, and a fear that in time the centre of the city will become an official part of the Durham University campus.

I am aware there are counter balancing factors in house building ,eg at Neville's Cross.However a town without permanent residents for six months of the year would be a place where very few people have an investment in its community life .An overarching term ' community life' I know, but I hope it is understood.

I felt while reading this mighty document that an awareness of the need to protect the environment ,both green and built ,and the communities who exist within it ,were the guiding lights and which I wholly support.Plus of course an acknowledgement that we must progress as well as preserve.

Thankyou to the Planning Dept who have a mighty responsibility in this job and who I personally feel get things right a lot of the time in rapidly changing retail and social cultures, ( an exception being the horror now at Maiden Cattle which looks like a provincial airport on a previously open space which was also an effective flood plain) .

If you require me to detail policy numbers ( as in commenting on a planning application) and so on I am happy to do so but I hope I have managed to communicate to you how much I feel the City needs a guideline such as this Plan to aid the planning process .

Sincerely

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