



Durham City Neighbourhood Planning Forum response to the Durham City Sustainable Transport Strategy consultation

Durham City Neighbourhood Planning Forum is the approved body for preparing a neighbourhood plan for the un-parished historic central part of Durham city. We have held major public consultations on what is good about Durham City, what is bad and what needs to change. Drawing from the responses and from the guidance provided by officers of the County Council, we are currently drafting policies and proposals for a pre-submission draft neighbourhood plan. The following comments are based upon this work.

Sustainable transport is of key importance to the Durham City Neighbourhood Plan. The Durham City Sustainable Transport Strategy sets out priorities with which we strongly agree, namely 1st people on foot, 2nd people on bikes, 3rd people on public transport, and lastly people in cars.

Accordingly we support options (b) Improvements to the existing city centre transport infrastructure such as to the bus station and stops; (c) pedestrian improvements linking the University to the city centre; and (d) improving missing links for sustainable transport modes in and across main roads and junctions at Aykley Heads, Sniperley, Framwellgate Moor and Newton Hall.

Further, we consider that In building new housing it would be appropriate to have sustainable modes of transport and the associated infrastructure included at the planning stage.

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