

## Previous Consultations on the Durham City Neighbourhood Plan

The Plan was originally produced by local volunteers who were constituted as the Neighbourhood Planning Forum. A previous draft of the Plan was subject to public consultation in November/December 2017. When the City of Durham Parish Council was created in April 2018 it assumed responsibility for completing the Plan. It is carrying out this further consultation to fulfil a legal requirement and to give people a chance to comment on the way in which the policies have been revised in response to the 2017 consultation.

The basic principle underlying the development of the Plan is that it should be based on the views of those who live and work in Our Neighbourhood. This summary paper tells the story of the consultation process so far.

- January 2014: Durham County Council approved the establishment of the Durham City Neighbourhood Planning Forum;
  - June/July 2015: Public consultation via questionnaire delivered to every house in the area and online and open meetings in the Town Hall to establish priorities;
  - August 2015 onwards: Themes and convenors identified and initial policies drafted with further consultation with residents, community associations, the County Council, the University, schools, artists, developers and businesses;
  - November/December 2017: Formal consultation on the draft plan;
  - January 2018 onwards: Policies revised in the light of comments and further discussions with the County Council and other key stakeholders;
  - April 2018: City of Durham Parish Council established;
  - October 2018: Parish Council ratifies the work of the Forum and establishes the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party to complete the task;
  - November/December 2018: Government appointed consultants carry out a statutory *Sustainability Appraisal* of the draft plan;
  - November 2018: The County Council advises that a further formal consultation is required on the revised Plan and interested parties now have a final opportunity to comment on the Plan before it progress to the adoption stage.
- If you want to see what people have said to past consultations on the Plan go to <http://npf.durhamcity.org.uk/your-views/>