

City of Durham Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan.
Regulation 14 Public Consultation,
pre-submission Draft, May / June, 2019.

Submissions from [redacted]

1. Theme 2b, Designation of Local Green Spaces

**1. Policy G2: Designation of Local Green Spaces, and
Policy G3 Creation of the “Emerald Network”**

Regarding the “green corridor” that is Clay Lane together with adjacent woodland and hedgerows, combined with the adjacent small sports fields and adjoining areas of “green field”, (*attached map, marked proposed extension to G3.1 Observatory Hill*), I support the submissions made by:

- i) [L14], - June 2019
together with that agreed by
- ii) Neville's Cross Community Association (as per meeting 25.06.2019).

The area together with the area identified as G3.1, (page 66 Map 3: Emerald Network), jointly being referred to below as “The Belasis” *.

Also, indicated by Ordnance Survey as Bellasis, being approximately contained by:-

NZ : 26534 41674 : 26793 41799 : 26793 41956,
26771 41841 : 26982 41672 : 27067 41707,
27128 41607 : 26990 41396: 26683 41381.

Local and National historical significance:

The Belasis” * is a very old division of land:

(also see below ** Early origins of the Belasis family)

On page 69 of the book 'The Battle of Neville's Cross' ed D Rollason and M Prestwich (pub Shaun Tyas, Stamford, 1998) there is a map of all the land divisions around Durham at the time of the battle in 1346 and their relation to the Beaurepaire manor house and Beaurepaire Moor (which we now know as the site of the battle).

From this map, the boundaries of Belasis appear to be:-
Potters Bank starting around the junction with the modern Chevallier Court, eastwards downhill to the roundabout, then northwards possibly along Quarryheads Lane past the school to the junction with Clay Lane, then up Clay Lane returning south-eastwards to Potters Bank.

Again, looking at the map in the Neville's Cross book, Belasis was to the south east

of the area known as Howlcroft and north-west of the area known as Charley.

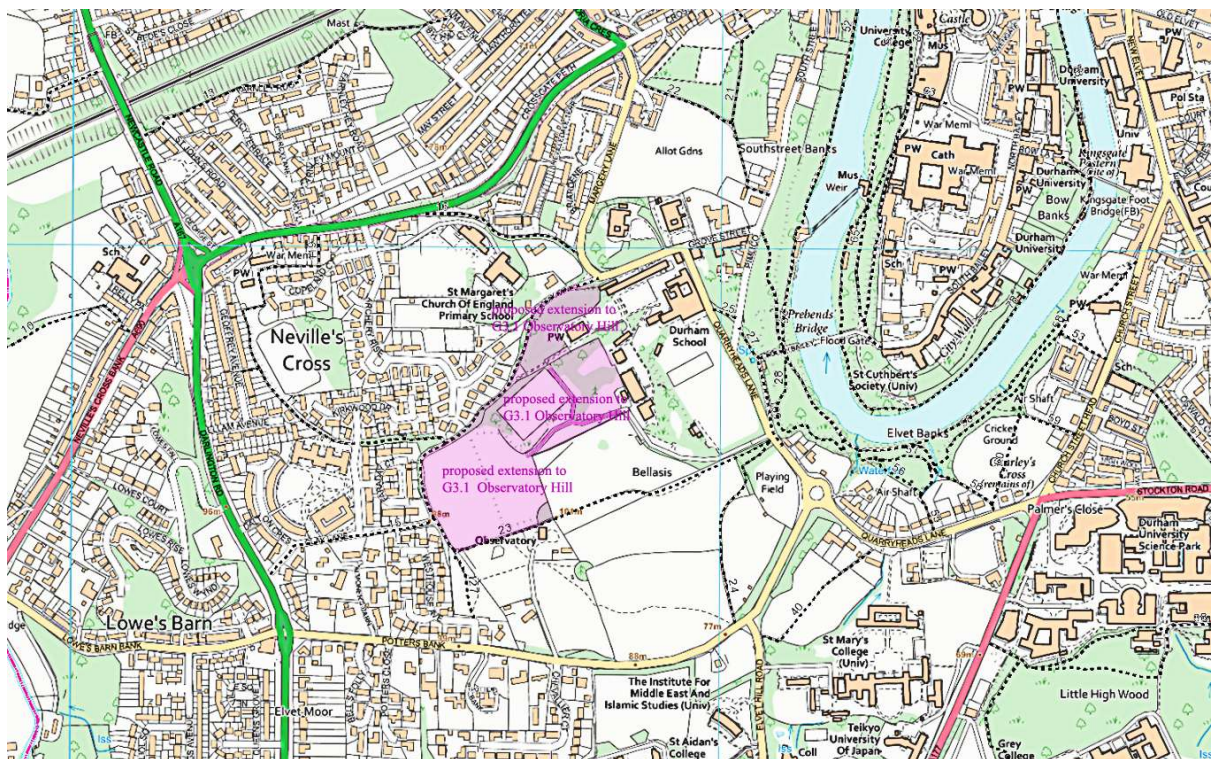
See : National Libraries for Scotland website at <https://maps.nls.uk/>

** “Belasis” Early Origins of the Belasis family (credit Wikipedia)

one of the many new names that came to [England](#) following the [Norman Conquest](#) .
The Belasis family lived in [Durham](#), where they were established by the early Middle Ages.
The surname Belasis was first found in [Durham](#) where they held a [family seat](#).
Belasius, a Norman Lord, attended William Duke of [Normandy](#) at Hastings in 1066 when King Harold was defeated.

Belasius became General of William's forces against the remnant of the Saxon Army commanded by the Princes Edwin and Morcar in the famous siege of the Isle of Ely.
Morton-Grange in [Durham](#) was home to a branch of the family.

"This place formerly belonged to the family of Belasyse, to whom Cardinal Wolsey, in 1525, granted a lease of the manor and grange, and of whom was Sir William Belasyse, Knt., of Morton, [High Sheriff](#) of the county under the see of [Durham](#) from 1628 until his death in 1641." ^[1]



proposed extension to G3.1 Map 3, page 66 Observatory Hill
and to G2.2 Map 2, page 62 Local Green Spaces

