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To: Spatial Policy

Subject: Durham City Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan

After reading the Above Plan I am impressed by the work done by our very conscientious parish councillors.

Three aspects particularly struck me:

1. The listing of the opinions of local residents learned from the public consultation, and the inclusion of these feelings in the various details described in the Plan.
2. The need to increase the number of Park and Ride sites and the need to extend their hours of use. I know of people who cannot easily park when they arrive early for work, but would happily use the P&R, and those who would also like to use this service to come into and out of Durham in the evening.
3. Finally, most important and striking for me is the awareness of the Parish Council of imbalance and the need either to bring back or ensure the balance of a) modern building needs (both social and economic) that require appropriate design and consideration of historic sites (both the World Heritage Site and less significant places) and green spaces;b) the need to support a retail strategy that ensures that out-of-town planned projects do not have an adverse impact on the viability of the City centre, and c) the problem of providing suitable housing for local residents (be they elderly, lonely, disabled or young couples wanting to manage to buy an affordable home) when there is such a large, and growing, number of students living in HMOs, at least some of which are needed for permanent residents.

I thank our parish councillors for their earnest endeavours and hours of volunteer work to keep our City not only a valid historical place but also a city where we continue to want to live.

Yours, Rosemary Zakrzewski