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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROPOSAL

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The Draft Durham City Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Durham County Council by the City of Durham Parish Council in November 2019. An Independent Inspector examined the Submitted Draft Neighbourhood Plan and put forward Modifications necessary to make the Plan accord with the Basic Conditions. All of his modifications have been implemented here in this document now being put forward for referendum in May 2021.

At the time of submission, the County Durham Plan was also in preparation. It was formally Adopted in October 2020 and, accordingly, all references in the following text to the stage of preparation of the County Durham Plan are superseded; it is now the principal statutory development plan for all parts of County Durham. Similarly, all references to the City of Durham Local Plan 2004 are now redundant as it has ceased to have any status.

Once the Durham City Neighbourhood Plan has passed a referendum, the Parish Council will prepare up-to-date reports to take account of new information. This will form part of the evidence base for a future revision of the Plan. This will be linked to further studies and progress with initiatives set out in the associated 'Looking Forwards' document that the Parish Council adopted alongside the Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

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