

## Heritage & Character Assessment Consultation Responses

Summary of responses received.

### Aycliffe Village Landscape Setting

1	Do you feel agree that the village and conservation area should be protected from adjacent developments?	YES <b>7</b>	NO <b>2</b>
2	Do you agree that the character area provides a valuable setting?	YES <b>9</b>	NO <b>0</b>

### Aycliffe Village (including Conservation Area)

3	Do you agree that the village forms an important part of the towns heritage?	YES <b>8</b>	NO <b>0</b>
4	Do you agree that the village contains the most significant buildings in the town (St Andrews Church)?	YES <b>8</b>	NO <b>1</b>
5	Do you feel that this setting is being affected by a close proximity to Aycliffe Business Park in any way?	YES <b>0</b>	NO <b>8</b>
6	Do you consider overlooking greenspace more important than parking immediately outside your home?	YES <b>4</b>	NO <b>5</b>

### Open Farmland

7	Do you agree that the open areas of farmland are typical of the surrounding rural landscape?	YES <b>10</b>	NO <b>0</b>
8	Do you think that it is important to screen development from the surrounding rural landscape?	YES <b>7</b>	NO <b>3</b>
9	Do you consider the area to have recreational value (walking etc)?	YES <b>10</b>	NO <b>0</b>

### Original New Town

10	Do you consider the greenspace ratio to development appropriate within the character area?	YES <b>8</b>	NO <b>0</b>
11	Do you consider overlooking greenspace more important than parking immediately outside your home?	YES <b>5</b>	NO <b>4</b>
12	Do you agree that the New Town character area is of national significance?	YES <b>8</b>	NO <b>2</b>
13	Do you think local centres such as Simpasture and Neville Parade are valuable to the area?	YES <b>9</b>	NO <b>0</b>

### School Aycliffe

14	Are you aware of listed buildings within School Aycliffe?	YES <b>2</b>	NO <b>2</b>
15	Do you consider School Aycliffe to be a village?	YES <b>4</b>	NO <b>5</b>

### Simpasture / West Park

16	Do you agree that the parkland setting provides valuable recreational facilities?	AGREE <b>10</b>	DISAGREE <b>0</b>
17	Are the parks a town wide asset or are they used exclusively by immediate residents?	YES <b>9</b>	EXCLUSIVE <b>1</b>
18	What is the most valuable feature within the area?	Parks (3), open spaces (2), lake (2), shops, green areas, settled community	

### Burn Lane South

19	How would you rate the area for accessibility?	GOOD <b>8</b>	POOR <b>0</b>
20	What is the most valuable feature within the character area?	The burn (2), central access, green lungs,	
21	Do you consider overlooking greenspace more important than parking immediately outside your home?	YES <b>3</b>	NO <b>3</b>

### Burn Lane Central

22	Do you feel that open areas of grass add value to residential areas?	YES <b>8</b>	NO <b>1</b>
23	Do you think that the black, yellow and red brick of each estate should be retained in any future development?	YES <b>4</b>	NO <b>4</b>
24	Do you agree that it is positive that all residents can access Woodham Burn?	YES <b>9</b>	NO <b>0</b>

### Williamfield Way

25	Do you feel that the flat roofed properties are characterful or are a detrimental feature?	CHARACTER <b>3</b>	DETRIMENTAL <b>8</b>
26	Do you feel as though an abundance of greenspace in this area creates large areas of unused space?	YES <b>1</b>	NO <b>7</b>
27	How would you rate the quality of the greenspace in this character area?	GOOD <b>7</b>	POOR <b>0</b>

### Alston Crescent

28	Do you agree that footpaths which are separated from highways are valued?	YES <b>7</b>	NO <b>1</b>
29	Do you think that local centres such as convenience stores and churches etc. are valuable areas of public realm?	YES <b>8</b>	NO <b>0</b>

### Burn Lane North

30	Do you think cul-de-sacs form social communities or exclusive communities?	SOCIAL <b>8</b>	EXCLUSIVE <b>1</b>
31	Do you place value on local centres such as Cobblers Hall?	YES <b>9</b>	NO <b>1</b>
32	Do you think all greenspace should be accessible or should be protected for wildlife?	ACCESSIBLE <b>4</b>	PROTECTED <b>6</b>

### Woodham

33	Do you feel that Woodham is an exclusive section of town?	YES <b>5</b>	NO <b>3</b>
34	Do you feel that the green areas of the golf course add to the setting?	YES <b>3</b>	NO <b>1</b>

1 person had extensive comments on the character areas.

Q12 – much more resident-friendly than the open plan areas eg Agnew, they don't work

Q18 – The Lake but it should be surrounded by more trees/bushes. Better lake management needed – a 'natural' well-managed lake does not need continuous cleaning out

Q23 – The red brick looks best

Q32 – mostly protected, but some access (limited)

The same person also made the following comments on the feedback form.

Area 11 – Burn Lane Central. I live in Alfrid Place. The 'open grass area' serves no useful purpose. Attract rubbish and dog mess. Houses open to grass areas get vandalised. Yards too small for keeping pets eg dogs or growing flowers/veg. should add the land to individual houses for people to use themselves.

Great Aycliffe Way is excellent (but would be better with less mowing of grass and chopping trees down – gentle management is all that is required).

Questions on the feedback form -

Do you think the descriptions of the character areas are accurate? **YES - 19** **NO – 1**

If you don't agree with a character area name please specify the number and your alternative location name.

Only 1 comment and that was for Aycliffe Business Park.

The brief reason was that there was no mention of heavy traffic, competing with pedestrians and cyclists.