

Summary of Theme Sheets

THEME 1 - ENVIRONMENT

Objectives

1	To protect and retain the traditional green areas, open spaces and environment for the community
2	To alleviate, existing, overwhelming parking problems whilst allowing grass to be retained as the dominant finish
3	To retain and protect the green and leafy character of our area
4	To protect Aycliffe Village from urban sprawl

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1	Can we protect all of our greens from development?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historic - why Aycliffe was built • Lungs of the town • Health & wellbeing benefit • Environmental • Visually important 	<p>No, not covered to protect all areas – in favour of development</p> <p>Local Green Space Designation Paragraph 006</p> <p>8. Promoting</p>	<p>Open Space Needs Assessment with area per head BUT we already have more than specified (due to historic nature of the Town)</p> <p>L5 Safeguarding of Areas of Open Space</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because of the history, Lord Beveridge • Character • Ethos behind new towns <p>Would not be practical or possible to protect ALL greens</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a character assessment of the area • Define our important open spaces that should be protected from any development • Set specific policies to protect key areas • Set out what limited

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			<p>healthy communities</p> <p>11. Conserving and enhancing the natural environment</p>			changes might be possible such as provision of car parking
2	The wildlife corridors are a key part of our town can we protect and enhance them?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key to the environment and wildlife • No housing round greens in new developments but green corridors • Aycliffe is known for its green spaces 	<p>Yes</p> <p>8. Promoting healthy communities</p> <p>11. Conserving and enhancing the natural environment</p>	<p>None specifically</p> <p>E15 (Safeguarding of Woodlands, Trees and Hedgerows) and L5 provide some protection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, semi-rural town need to ensure that we stay that way • Key to keeping the area green and leafy • Protect great crested newts, orchids and other key species 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a character assessment of the area • Define our important open spaces that should be protected from any development • Set specific policies to protect key areas and ensure sufficient wildlife corridors are incorporated into any new developments
3	Could we part develop some greens for parking?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing parking problems in various areas in the town • Cars parking on streets causing problems • Getting worse due to high car ownership • Some unofficial parking already on green areas • Some off-street parking already in certain places 	<p>Yes – to some degree but more about promoting sustainable transport</p> <p>4. Promoting sustainable transport</p>	Not as such	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precedent already set by some off-street provision • Only to be used where a sustained problem has been identified • Some areas clearly not suitable • Recognising the pressures and reality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a character assessment of the area • Define those areas where parking provision might be permitted • Set out what limited changes might be possible such as provision of car

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			Paragraph 007		of modern living	parking
4	Can we utilise grass verges for parking?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precedent already set • Parking problems in certain areas causing problems • Public safety in many areas • Traffic safety 	Not as such, more around promoting sustainable transport	Not as such	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To alleviate parking problems • Improve safety • Improve traffic flow • Recognising the pressures and reality of modern living 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define those areas where parking provision might be permitted to alleviate parking problems
5	Is geo-grid parking a practical option?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would keep the green feel whilst providing parking • Better than tarmac 	No	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historic green town • Character • Ethos behind new towns • Can help alleviate a problem whilst keeping the green feel of areas 	<p>Would only be a preferred building material – therefore could have a policy stating -</p> <p><i>Geo-grid, or similar design material, type approached to be used to allow grass to be the dominant final finish'</i></p> <p>We could produce a typical specification for 'a geo-grid type application that allows grass to be retained as the dominant finish'.</p>
6	How do we influence planting of trees?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To keep the green feel • Maintain the tree lined avenues • Lungs of the town • Important for health 	<p>Yes</p> <p>11. Conserving and enhancing the</p>	<p>Not as such</p> <p>E15 includes safeguarding woodlands, trees and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to keep the character of the area and maintain the abundance of trees. • Town history and 	May be able to add a policy once the character assessment has been complete – 'if a tree is

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		and wellbeing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Semi-rural town 	natural environment 12. Conserving and enhancing the historic environment	hedgerows.	ethos of new town developments based on the garden city framework	<i>removed during development/ construction at least 2 other native species must be planted in its place in a suitable nearby location'</i>
7	How can we protect the green and leafy character of our area?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local distinctiveness To keep the green feel The trees and green areas are what we are known for Important for health and wellbeing 	Yes 7. Requiring good design 11. Conserving and enhancing the natural environment 12. Conserving and enhancing the historic environment	Not as such E15 includes safeguarding woodlands, trees and hedgerows.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to keep the character of the area and maintain the abundance of trees. Town history and ethos of new town developments based on the garden city framework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Await the outcome of the character assessment. Develop a policy to ensure the tree lined avenues are kept.
8	How do we protect Aycliffe Village from urban sprawl?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Want to keep a village feel Don't want to be incorporated into Newton Aycliffe or Low Copelaw Massive new build developments on the door step will detract from the village 	Yes – 11. Conserving and enhancing the natural environment	Yes, in general terms E4 – Designation and Safeguarding of Green Wedges	Need to keep the 'village' identity	Need to specify a site and write a green wedge policy which may include what, if anything, would be permitted in the green wedge.

THEME 2 - HOUSING

Objective

5	All future developments should meet the needs of residents and be of good design
<p>To help clarify this the following has been added – by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Having sufficient suitable older persons accommodation provided when developments are near to services. b) Supporting the development of more two bedroomed accommodations. c) Avoiding small one bedroomed accommodation. d) Ensuring adequate parking and storage is provided. e) Ensuring the green and open feel, all new development should include sufficient green space to retain the garden city framework of the ‘Beveridge vision’ f) Ensuring all new developments are built to the highest energy efficiency standard, incorporating renewable energy measures, such as, solar panels, where possible. 	

OLD Objective 6 - All future developments should be energy efficient,
deleted as this was unnecessary – covered in the NPPF and CDP
To be incorporated into Housing – See above – to ensure we have addressed the residents’ needs.

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9	Can we determine price of bungalows in planning? i.e. 120k and under	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The demand for the private market is bungalows less than 120K as people generally want to downsize to release 	No	No	No, this would prove extremely difficult to achieve through a planning policy	Not deliverable – would not satisfy the legal tests governing plan making or imposition of planning conditions

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		equity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ageing population, high demand for bungalows. 				Not to be taken forward
10	Can we encourage more 2 bedroom bungalows to be built?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have an ageing population, people moved here when the new town was built, many have not moved away Need more bungalows To ensure residents have room for storage or guests. One bedroomed dwellings generally not adequate. 	Yes 6. Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes 7. Requiring good design 8. Promoting healthy communities	None specifically H19 Provision of a Range of House Types and Sizes including Affordable Housing H20 Provision of Special Needs Housing D2 Design for People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our higher than average ageing population would support the need for a higher number of bungalows or suitable older persons' accommodation Yes, although this will require a larger footprint and potentially test the viability of the development. Considerations should be given to a variety of older persons' accommodation e.g. apartments or a retirement village 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will need to put a policy in place to set aspirational targets for Great Aycliffe Investigate the possibility of a 'retirement village' type development
11	Can we encourage smaller or communal gardens to make bungalows more	Bungalows and older persons' accommodation are the priority for residents. However,	Yes 6. Delivering a wide choice of	None specifically but E15 Safeguarding of Woodlands, Trees and Hedgerows would	Yes, this would be a good option for developers however the preference would be for	We need to develop a policy to outline this approach

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	viable?	developers are reluctant to build due to a larger foot print being needed.	high quality homes 7. Requiring good design	offer additional privacy	smaller gardens as there may be an issue with the maintenance of a communal garden.	
12	Can we be site specific for older persons' accommodation – sheltered bungalows e.g. Elmfield site and Woodham School – both owned by DCC	Residents have said they would like older persons' accommodation close to services and facilities.	Yes 6. Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes 7. Requiring good design	None specifically SHLAA allocations	No	We could have a policy which states: <i>'We would prefer an enhanced % of bungalows or older persons' accommodation to offset the affordable homes provision on sites within 600 metres walking distance from Cobbler's Hall, Town Centre and Neville Parade.'</i>
13	Can we allocate brownfield land for housing which cannot be accommodated for on unviable sites?	Residents have identified a number of brownfield land sites for housing.	Yes 2. Ensuring the viability of town centres 6. Delivering a wide choice of quality homes 11. Conserving and enhancing the natural	Yes H17 Backland and Infill Developments	This policy is covered in the NPPF which encourages the redevelopment of brownfield land. County Durham Plan has allocated land for housing.	Not to be taken forward – already covered in the County Durham Plan

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			environment Paragraph 025			
14	Can we have a say in density?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are seeing applications for new developments which are high density. Lord Beveridge's vision based on the garden city framework needs to be protected. Semi-rural town with lots of open space. 	<p>Yes</p> <p>6. Delivering a wide choice of high quality</p> <p>7. Requiring good design</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>SHLAA allocations</p> <p>D1 General Principles for the Layout and Design of New Developments</p> <p>D5 Layout of New Housing Development</p> <p>E1 Maintenance of Landscape Character</p> <p>E15 Safeguarding of Woodlands, Trees and Hedgerows</p> <p>L5 Safeguarding of Areas of Open Space</p>	<p>Important to keep the green and open feel of the town.</p> <p>Possibly not - Density is covered within national policies however given the historic significance of Lord Beveridge's vision potentially we could ask for less density. This may occur naturally when setting the ratio for green open space.</p>	<p>Undertake a character assessment to see if any supporting information can be provided to support a lower density set out in the NPPF and County Durham Plan</p> <p>Local plans should set out their own approach to housing density to reflect local circumstances. (NPPF)</p> <p>Subject to a site assessment and density is interlinked with design and it is essential they achieve the appropriate density levels. (CDP)</p>
15	Can we avoid high rise developments?	High rise apartments are unsightly	<p>Yes</p> <p>7. Requiring good design</p> <p>Paragraph 006</p>	No	<p>No, however these types of developments are rare today.</p> <p>Adequately covered in NPPF and County</p>	No need to progress

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					Durham Plan	
16	Can we have a say in garage size to accommodate a car and storage?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently parking is a major issue all over the Town Traffic problems exacerbated due to inconsiderate parking Residents using greens and verges to park (not designated as parking) 	In part - 7. Requiring good design Paragraph 024	None as such but D3 includes adequate provision of car parking at least sufficient to prevent serious traffic problems and effective access at all times for emergency vehicles	Yes, we could specify a minimum size but have the option of a drive in the curtilage or car port if the viability is tested. We should also consider safe cycle storage e.g. shed.	Develop a policy to make these objectives clear
18	Can we set parking allocation higher than CPD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently parking is a major issue all over the Town Traffic problems exacerbated due to inconsiderate parking Residents using greens and verges to park (not designated as parking) 	Yes 4. Promoting sustainable transport	None specifically due to the persistent and problematic parking problems in most areas of the Town we are requiring a higher minimum standard.	No these are covered locally in Durham Car Parking Standards.	Not to be taken forward
19	Can we have wider roads in any new developments to stop the parking problems?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking problems all over New developments not enough space to pass on the roads 	Yes 4. Promoting sustainable transport 7. Requiring good design	Yes D3 Design for access	No covered in national and Durham specific policy	Not deliverable Not to be taken forward
20	Can we influence that local	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have local jobs for local people 	Only broad guidance is	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potentially yes, we can suggest local 	Investigate the best option to help reduce local

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	construction and future employment work is offered to local people in the first instance?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local people living close to where they work Need to be more sustainable and create less travel to and from work 	<p>available on the rules governing the imposition of conditions</p> <p>1. Build a strong, competitive economy Paragraph 001</p>		<p>labour agreements within our plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear thresholds need to be set that are reasonable. This may need to be covered by legal agreements rather than a planning condition 	<p>unemployment.</p> <p>Many organisations on the business park already adopt this approach.</p>

THEME 3 - RETAIL, LEISURE AND ECONOMY

Objective

6	To facilitate and encourage improved retail provision for Newton Aycliffe
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residents wanted

- improved retail for Newton Aycliffe
- improved evening economy in the town centre
- better choice of shops, including national brands
- a retail park
- cheaper rents in the town centre (this is **not a planning matter** and cannot be taken forward)

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21	Can we make click and collect easier?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biggest problem/ issue overall for residents 	Yes	In part	Need to investigate the current state of the retail market and economy in the surrounding areas and within the Town	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a soft retail needs assessment to establish if there is any retail interest
22	Improved, regulated shutter provision, so the town looks better?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historically poor town centre • Residents dissatisfied with retail and town centre • Poor retail choice in town centre 	Must undertake sequential testing on any retail matter	S1 Town Centre Developments S2 Town Centres S6 Local Centres	Challenge the findings of the County Durham Plan to ensure Aycliffe has been given adequate consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop suitable policies to help encourage any new retail interest, if possible.
23	Can we improve local centres and what could be added to them?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rents and rates too high in town centre • Need retail park to offer alternative sites • Want to support an evening economy in the 	2. Ensuring the vitality of town centres 3. Supporting a prosperous rural	S8 Development of Local Centres S9 Individual Shops		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate if a change of use policy needs to be included within the plan.

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24	How can we develop and support an evening economy in the Town Centre?	town centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town centre is having a major refurbishment but shops are still closing 	economy 1. Building a strong, competitive economy			A range of options investigated and no additional evidence to support more or different policies – not to be taken forward
25	Can we relax Change of Use to make retail changes easier?					
26	How do we support the long term plans of the Town Centre?					
27	Can we support large scale development to include retail, pub, restaurant etc?					
28	How do we challenge the DCC retail stance?					
29	Can we develop local labour agreements to help tackle unemployment in the area?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Largest business park in the North East on our door step Low car ownership rates Can help reduce travel to 	In Part 2. Ensuring the vitality of town centres	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce travel journeys to work Help local people into local jobs 	Investigate a suitable local labour agreement. However, this may be covered under a legal aspect rather than a

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		work trips				planning policy
30	How can we improve the retail offer on the town?	<p>Biggest problem/ issue overall for residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historically poor town centre Residents dissatisfied with retail and town centre Poor retail choice in town centre Rents and rates too high in town centre Need retail park to offer alternative sites Want to support an evening economy in the town centre Town centre is having a major refurbishment but shops are still closing 	<p>Yes</p> <p>2. Ensuring the vitality of town centres</p>	<p>Some provision in the following:-</p> <p>S1 Town Centre Developments</p> <p>S2 Town Centres</p> <p>S6 Local Centres</p> <p>S8 Development of Local Centres</p> <p>S9 Individual Shops</p>	<p>Need to investigate the current state of the retail market and economy in the surrounding areas and within the Town</p> <p>Challenge the findings of the County Durham Plan to ensure Aycliffe has been given adequate consideration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake a soft retail needs assessment to establish if there is any retail interest Develop suitable policies to help encourage any new retail interest, if possible.
31	How can we support the work of Aycliffe Business Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Largest business park in the North East Massive local employer On the doorstep Hitachi and supporting employment coming to the area University Technological College has been 	No	In part IB14 Improvements to General and Local Industrial Estates refers to improvements to access, traffic circulation and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can make things easier if businesses want to relocate here Can help make planning easier Support the business park to provide a small 'retail row' within the business park for its employees 	If required develop a policy to support the development of a small row of retail provision within the business park

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		approved providing new opportunities and links between the school and businesses		parking arrangements and that undertaking estate improvements with priority given to 'Aycliffe Industrial Park' [sic]	DO NOT want to conflict with the work being done under 'shaping the future' project on-going by the businesses	

THEME 4 - AYCLIFFE VILLAGE

Objective

	<p>To protect Aycliffe Village from urban sprawl and maintain the traditional village feel.</p> <p>COVERED IN ENVIRONMENT</p>
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Residents wanted:

- to prevent urban sprawl/encroachment and to maintain the village feel
- the green spaces protecting
- to reduce the speed of traffic going through the village and along the A167
- improvement to bus services
- to restrict and only have appropriate new development
- a shop

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31	How do we protect Aycliffe Village from urban sprawl?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Want to keep a village feel • Don't want to be incorporated into Newton Aycliffe or Low Copelaw • Don't want to have massive new build developments on the doors step to detract from the village 	<p>Yes in part –</p> <p>11. Conserving and enhancing the natural environment</p> <p>7. Requiring good design</p>	<p>Yes in part</p> <p>E1 Maintenance of Landscape Character</p> <p>E4 - Designation and Safeguarding of Green Wedges – but doesn't correspond to all areas of concern</p>	Need to keep the 'village' identity	<p>We need to specify a site and write a green wedge policy which may include what, if anything would be permitted in the green wedge.</p> <p>To be covered under ENVIRONMENT</p>
32	Can we have a settlement boundary for Aycliffe Village to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Want to keep a village feel • Don't want to be 	No	No	Need some development to ensure the village is sustainable.	Not a suitable option to consider, a green wedge policy would be more

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	protect it from over development?	<p>incorporated into Newton Aycliffe or Low Copelaw</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't want to have massive new build developments on the doors step to detract from the village 			Some areas have already been investigated and rejected as part of the SHLAA to support the County Durham Plan	<p>appropriate – see above.</p> <p>Not to be taken forward as a settlement boundary</p>
33	Can we reduce the speed of vehicles along the A167 by extending the 30mph zone?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dangerous, frequent speed checks on-going on that stretch of road Big lorries use this as an access route to the business park 	No	No	Discussions were undertaken with the Durham Constabulary and the Traffic Asset Manager at DCC; this had been investigated in the mid-2000s and unfortunately no changes could be made.	Unable to take forward
34	Could the North Britton site be changed into a shop?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The village needs a shop the residents don't have anywhere local to go Site has been empty for a number of years Suitable as it has parking and would improve the area 	No	No	Discussions were undertaken with the site owners who had contacted a number of retail organisations to ascertain interest. No company or individual who was interested in developing the site for retail	<p>The site has been given planning permission for redevelopment and housing</p> <p>Not to be taken forward</p>
35	How do we protect the green spaces to ensure the village feel is kept?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historically important need to preserve the history Aycliffe Village was here 	No, not covered to protect all areas – in favour of development	Open Space Needs Assessment with area per head BUT we already have more than	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to keep the character of the area and maintain the abundance of trees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will be covered under objective 1 and 3 in ENVIRONMENT

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		long before Newton Aycliffe	11. Conserving and enhancing the natural environment	specified		
36	What can we do to protect the village green area?	The historic heart of the village	Yes 8. Promoting healthy communities 11. Conserving and enhancing the natural environment	No Registered Village Green anyway		Not to be taken forward the village green is already registered as such and therefore protected
37	How can we ensure the conservation area is maintained and protected?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historically important need to preserve the history Aycliffe Village was here long before Newton Aycliffe 	Yes 11. Conserving and enhancing the natural environment 12. Conserving and enhancing the historic environment	Yes in part E18 Preservation and Enhancement of Conservation Area		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake a character assessment of the area Develop suitable policies from the findings of the character assessment if needed
38	Is there any way we can stop HGV vehicles passing through the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dangerous, frequent speed checks on-going on that stretch of road 	No	Yes in part T5 Movement of Freight	Was part of the discussion referred to in 33 above. Most drivers use sat-nav	To highlight with Aycliffe Business Park and the 'shaping the future'

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	village using the A167?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big lorries use this as an access route to the business park 			and that gives the directions we would be unable develop a policy to force companies to change their software.	<p>protect.</p> <p>Not to be taken forward – not a planning matter</p>

THEME 5 - SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Objective

	Encourage development of renewable energy generation that is sensitive to the landscape of Great Aycliffe
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Do we wish to consider and include the above objective within the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan?
Does current planning policy NOT provide sufficient support to enable Great Aycliffe to retain its uniqueness or provide for a specific need not covered elsewhere?

Residents told us they were concerned about the environment, climate change and making Great Aycliffe a better place for future generations. They said the Neighbourhood Plan should make considerations for renewable energy sources including solar panels to help keep bills down and more allotments so that they could grow their own fruit and veg and for the health benefits it would provide.

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39	How do we encourage the use of renewable energy?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will help with the bills - domestic Good in the current economic climate Less environmental impact Sustainability Residents liked solar better than wind farms 	<p>Yes</p> <p>10. Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and costal change</p> <p>Government made a significant announcement</p>	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would want to encourage use of renewable energy and less environmental impact. Received a presentation from a solar provider to discuss options, benefits and current processes. Business Park already use high quantity of renewable energy can encourage greater 	A general criteria based policy for Great Aycliffe would be the most appropriate way forward.

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			w/c 13 July about removing the subsidies for solar PV		domestic use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No need to specify sites that could complicate things and may cause limitations 	
40	How do we make sure that all developments include renewable energy sources when they are built, such as solar panels?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To keep costs down Better for the environment Better to have them incorporated when being built rather than adding them on later 	<p>Yes</p> <p>10. Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and costal change</p> <p>Government have made significant announcement w/c 13 July about removing the subsidies for solar PV</p>	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would want to encourage use of renewable energy and less environmental impact. Received a presentation from a solar provider where solar/renewable energy in design was discussed. Business Park already use high quantity of renewable energy can encourage greater domestic use 	<p>Adequate policies in place may lead to a development becoming unviable if too many constraints are placed on a developer.</p> <p>Not to be taken forward due to viability issues</p>
41	Can we allocate land for allotments when the waiting list is not showing a need?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Important for health Help during economic climate Gives people a hobby 	Not as such	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No long waiting lists Town Council review yearly Could make a development unviable where there is no need to provide allotments. 	Not to be taken forward due to absence of demonstrable need
42	How can we encourage more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can help with health and wellbeing 	Not as such	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are a few community gardens 	Not to be taken forward due to absence of

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	community gardens?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can provide a communal space for people to meet and share a hobby 			<p>around town. The one at the PCC works quite well but relies on a few volunteers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Livin have a couple but they don't work very well and are difficult to keep and maintain. 	demonstrable need
43	Even though there is little support for wind power is there something else we can consider to have acceptable wind turbines?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To keep costs down Better for the climate Alternative source to what's currently available 	<p>Yes</p> <p>10. Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and costal change</p>	No	Received a presentation from a wind power company, where design benefits, returns and options were discussed.	Not to be taken forward due to considerable objections and lack of support for 'wind powered' renewables

THEME 6 - TRANSPORT AND ACCESS

Residents said that bus and trains services should be improved; cycle routes should be improved and joined up where possible. Parking outside of schools was a problem in all areas and you said parking in some residential areas was a big problem. You said speeding cars were a problem in some areas.

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44	How can we improve the bus or train service when they are independently run?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Growing elderly population, not all have cars Routes are being cut but not necessarily logically 	Yes 4. Promoting Sustainable Transport	Yes T12 Public Transport	Had we been a rural area with only a few services a day we may have been able to add a policy to assist with improved transport. However, there are a number of services and routes which run regularly.	Adequate policies in place, not sufficient demonstrable need - not to be taken forward
45	How can we improve parking problems outside of schools?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adding to the existing traffic problems Not safe for our children Inconsiderate drivers cause problems and add to the chaos 	Yes 4. Promoting Sustainable Transport	Not specifically for school related problems County Durham Local Transport Plan	Information has been passed to the ARMSS Group and other interested parties to support their work.	This is being addressed by the Aycliffe Road Management School Safety (ARMSS) Group Not to be taken forward through the NP
46	How can we improve parking problems outside of businesses especially in the Town Centre?	Want to encourage people to use the Town Centre.	Yes 4. Promoting Sustainable Transport	Yes in part S1 Town Centre Development S3 New Development in	There is adequate parking in and around the Town Centre (570 spaces) including the multi-storey car park	Not to be taken forward due to the lack of demonstrable need

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				Town Centres County Durham Local Transport Plan		
47	How can cycle routes and footpaths be improved and joined up?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some good walking routes need to add to these Not joined up routes can cause problems Health benefits can be gained from cycling Cheap way to exercise and it can be a family activity. 	Yes 4. Promoting Sustainable Transport	Yes in part D1 General Principles for the Layout and Design of New Developments D3 Design for Access D6 Layout and Design of Pedestrian Areas and Public Spaces T1 Footways and Cycleways in Towns and Villages L9 Footpaths, Cycleways and Bridleways in the Countryside	Information has been passed to a number of organisations and various meetings have been attended to ensure the residents key messages are passed on.	These issues will be delivered by DCC and other partner organisations. Not to be taken forward through the NP
48	There are parking problems in many old areas of town what is the best way to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing parking problems in various areas in the town Cars parking on streets 	Yes – to some degree 4. Promoting	Yes – to some degree Parking and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Precedent already set by some off-street provision Only to be used where a sustained problem has 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake a character assessment of the area Define those areas where parking

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	address these problems?	causing problems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting worse due to high car ownership • Some unofficial parking already on green areas • Some off-street parking already in certain places 	sustainable transport	Accessibility Guidelines 2014	been identified <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some areas clearly not suitable • Recognising the pressures and reality of modern living 	provision might be permitted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set out what limited changes might be possible such as provision of car parking <p>To be covered under ENVIRONMENT</p>
49	How can we tackle speeding issues on certain routes?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many areas are dangerous • Difficult to cross the road in many places • Around schools is a particular problem. 	No	No	Only 124 people wanted additional traffic calming measures. See Theme 4 for Aycliffe Village issues	<p>Not to be taken forward due to the lack of demonstrable need</p>

CIL - OTHER MATTERS

	Questions asked Options considered	Reason / Why Important for us	Covered in National policy	Adequate policies in the Sedgefield Borough Local Plan	What, if any, value can the GANP add?	What can/are we going to do?
50	We need to ensure the Town Council are consulted in advance every time there are Section 106 or CIL monies available. How do we make sure this happens?		In part Annex 2 Glossary Paragraph 071 and 072 Community infrastructure Levy See also 2010 Regulations (as amended *)	In part D8 Servicing and Community Requirements of New Development E11 refers to remedial measures being undertaken to minimise the adverse effects from a nature conservation interest IB14 Improvements to General and Local Industrial Estates refers to improvements to access, traffic circulation and parking arrangements and that undertaking estate improvements with priority given to 'Aycliffe Industrial	Our needs are different to other areas. Section 106 and/or CIL often spent on parks and play areas.	Develop an appropriate policy.

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				Park' [sic]		
51	Specific policy for prioritising local need for CIL spending		In part Paragraph 071 and 072 Community Infrastructure Levy	In part D8 Servicing and Community Requirements of New Development E11 refers to remedial measures being undertaken to minimise the adverse effects from a nature conservation interest IB14 Improvements to General and Local Industrial Estates refers to improvements to access, traffic circulation and parking arrangements and that undertaking estate improvements with priority given to 'Aycliffe Industrial Park' [sic]	The priority for Great Aycliffe residents is for affordable homes and highway/road repairs	Develop an appropriate policy

*In England, where there is a neighbourhood development plan in place, or permission was granted by a neighbourhood development order (including by a community right to build order), the charging authority must pass 25% of Community Infrastructure Levy funds to the parish councils in whose area the chargeable development takes place. Where there is no neighbourhood development plan this amount is 15%, subject to a cap of £100 per household in the parish council area per year. In Wales, the charging authority must pass 15% of the Levy funds to the community councils in whose area the chargeable development takes place. This is again subject to the cap of £100 per household per year. Parish or community councils have the discretion to decide that some or all of these funds should remain with the charging authority. Regulation 59A(8) provides for where development crosses local council boundaries, so that the funds are split proportionally between the local councils. Regulation 59A(9) and (10) makes similar provision for when some of a development is granted permission by a neighbourhood development order, or is in an area for which there is a neighbourhood plan, and some is not.