

GREAT AYCLIFFE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



Notes of a meeting of the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan Environment Thematic Group, held on Thursday 2nd April 2015.

Present: Cllr R S Fleming - GATC
 Cllr P Kjenstad - GATC
 Cllr I Gray - GATC
 Mr C R Peacock
 Mrs K M Woodhams
 Mrs C Benson
 Mr J Snowball
 Mrs S Cook
 Mrs S Bainbridge
 Mr M Rowcroft

Officers: Miss A Corner – Neighbourhood Plan Engagement Officer
 Mrs CA Walton – Corporate & Policy Officer
 Miss A Donald – Town Clerk’s PA

Item No	Discussion	Action
1.	Apologies for Absence Mrs K Deacon-Brown, Mr S Cooper, Mr J Cokill	
2.	Notes of Previous Meeting These were accepted as a correct record.	
3.	Introduction Angela Corner introduced the meeting. It was noted that Mrs K Deacon-Brown had left the group as she would shortly be on maternity leave. It was acknowledged that there was a large amount of background information to be absorbed in a short time, however it was emphasised that it was not necessary for members of the group to have expert knowledge of planning regulations as this was available elsewhere.	
4.	Feedback Session Cllr Fleming gave a brief introduction to the history of Aycliffe, emphasising its origins linked to the production of wartime ordnance and post-war foundation as a New Town, built on a garden city ethos of houses clustered around green spaces for children to play. Cllr Fleming was thanked for his presentation. National planning and local plan policies – a Vision and Objectives document had been produced from the results of the first round of consultation. Objectives derived from	

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	<p>the consultation had been linked to relevant planning policies and a meeting had been held with a DCC planner, who had advised some wording changes to correlate these more closely to national and local planning policies.</p> <p>Mapping of green spaces – this was ongoing, with a further session planned.</p> <p>A funding application had been made for technical support for a Character Assessment of Aycliffe to be drawn up to steer future design.</p>	
5.	<p>Tasks</p> <p>Mark Rowcroft volunteered to look at the issues and options available for Objective 5 – Renewables, for the next meeting.</p>	MR
6.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting would be held on Thursday 23 April 2015 at the Council Offices.</p>	All to Note