



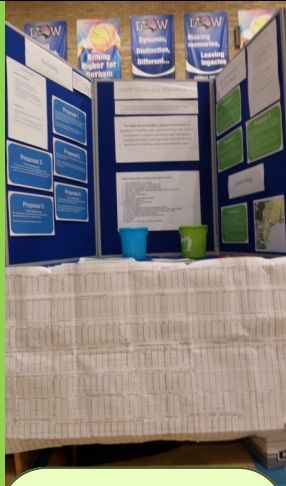
# Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan

**Vision:** "To make Great Aycliffe a vibrant community the Neighbourhood Plan will seek, to enhance the natural environment, support and encourage high quality housing, local jobs and improved retail and leisure facilities in a healthy, green and attractive town"

We will be undertaking a **6 week Pre-Submission public consultation** as required by Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 from :- **MONDAY 25 APRIL 2016 TO MONDAY 6 JUNE 2016**

## TELL US YOUR VIEWS

Your comments will be reviewed and, if required, amendments made to the Plan; then there will be a further 6 week consultation undertaken by Durham County Council, followed by an examination by an Independent Inspector and finally a **referendum for the whole of Great Aycliffe Parish later this year which will be a simple 'YES' or 'NO' vote.**



If you have any questions please contact:-  
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**We need your comments on the Plan and proposed policies.**

**Hard copies of the Plan and supporting information can be found at:-**

- The Library
- Pioneering Care Centre
- Oak Leaf Sports Complex
- Great Aycliffe Town Council Offices
- Most Community Centres
- Most Residents Groups
- Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre
- The Excel Centre
- The Work Place

## It's All About The Future and You!

### What have we done so far?

1. A town wide survey and consultations at over 40 events to find out what was Important to you.
2. Prioritised those comments (over 10,000) which gave the following six key topic areas:-
  - \* Environment
  - \* Retail, Leisure and Economy
  - \* Sustainability and Climate Change
  - \* Housing
  - \* Aycliffe Village
  - \* Transport and Access
3. Set up a number of 'Thematic Groups' and a 'Steering Group' to undertake research and investigate options and proposals.
4. We undertook a second town wide and electronic survey to find out if there was support for our proposals. All of which received overwhelming support.
5. We gained funding and undertook a 'Soft Market Testing of Retailers' and 'Heritage and Character Assessment' to better understand two of the most important areas for our residents protecting our green spaces and improving retail.
6. There was no interest from retailers to invest in Newton Aycliffe but there was evidence to justify protecting our green spaces.
7. Following further investigation and research we have developed 31 policies for the Parish of Great Aycliffe to protect our uniqueness.

**This Pre-Submission consultation stage is your chance to tell us your view on the Plan and our policies.**

**Your comments have been used to develop the Plan so far but please tell us what you think about our Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan —thank you!**

**You can let us have your comments by :-**

- **Writing to—Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6QF**
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