

# GREAT AYCLIFFE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



## Notes of a meeting of the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan Housing Thematic Group, held on Monday 15 June 2015.

**Present:** Cllr R S Fleming  
 Cllr Mr A M Chandran  
 Mr C R Peacock  
 Mr J Snowball  
 Cllr Mrs W P Hillary  
 Cllr M Dixon

**Officers:** Miss A Corner – Neighbourhood Plan Engagement Officer  
 Miss A Donald – Town Clerk's PA

Item No	Discussion	Action
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Mr S Howarth, Mrs C Walton, Mr S Howarth, Mrs S Cooke	
2.	<b>Notes of Previous Meeting</b> The notes of the previous meeting were agreed. It was noted that the attendance of Steve Barker, Planning Consultant, had not been recorded. Mr Snowball requested clarification on a number of points in the notes. i) It was agreed that since no approved County Plan is in place at the moment, it should more accurately be referred to as the <i>emerging</i> County Plan. ii) Objective 6 – Transport. It was explained that parking had been the only major issue raised by questionnaire on the theme of transport. Comments regarding cycle ways and footpaths had been passed to Durham County Council. iii) A summary of questions asked at the meeting had been included in the notes but only those which could be dealt with in the Neighbourhood Plan had been highlighted.	
3.	<b>Addressing Housing Need</b> A report and information had been circulated to members concerning the issue of enhanced older persons' accommodation. The report detailed distances from GP surgeries and main shopping centres, in relation to allocated housing sites.  Members were asked to consider a preferred option from a choice of two, prior to further consultation with residents. After discussion, it was agreed that Option 1 – 'On sites within 600m walking distance from Cobbler's Hall, Town Centre and Neville Parade, we would prefer an enhanced % of bungalows or older persons' accommodation as an	

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	offset to the affordable homes provision' – would be preferable as it would encourage bungalow provision in central areas, without precluding them elsewhere.	
4.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> The next meeting would be held on Thursday 2 July 2015 at the Council Offices and would be open to members of the Housing and Environment Thematic Groups, plus the Steering Group. The meeting would feature a half hour presentation from	All to Note