
DARLINGTON TOWN CENTRE FRINGE MASTERPLAN CONSULTATION

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. This report introduces the Town Centre Fringe Masterplan consultation report that was agreed by Cabinet on the 10th January 2012. The Cabinet Report, and associated Appendix and diagrams are attached to this report (**Appendix A**) for background information and will form the basis of a presentation and subsequent discussion at Committee.
2. This Scrutiny Committee will be the first stage of the consultation, prior to the public events to be run in March and April 2012.

Recommendation

3. It is recommended that Members:-
 - (a) Note the contents of the report and associated materials at **Appendix A**.
 - (b) Consider and comment on the Draft Town Centre Fringe Masterplan as part of the planned consultation exercise.

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Director of Place**

Background Papers

No Background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	Safety and security has been a key consideration in developing the masterplan options.
Health and Well Being	The masterplan has been designed to ensure the creation of a walkable and liveable environment, with walking and cycling provision designed in.
Carbon Impact	The masterplan will be subject to sustainability appraisal, integral to which is reducing carbon emissions. All policies are tested and amended to ensure the most sustainable outcomes, including to keep carbon emission to a minimum, including promotion of the use of renewable energy in new developments. Specific work has been integrated in to the masterplan to promote the use of low carbon technologies and energy efficiency.
Diversity	Equalities Impact Assessment (EqA) and Disability EqA are integrated into the preparation of the masterplan.
Wards Affected	Central, Northgate, Park East
Groups Affected	All
Budget and Policy Framework	The masterplan has been developed within existing resources with the support of Single Programme funding and the Homes and Communities Agency
Key Decision	No
Urgent Decision	No
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The LDF Core Strategy is the spatial expression of 'One Darlington: Perfectly Placed'. The regeneration of the Town Centre Fringe is a key deliverable in One Darlington Perfectly Placed
Efficiency	The workload proposed assumes resources at existing level in Strategy and Commissioning, no additional requirements being placed on the team, and the availability of staff time from key officers across the Council whose service requirements need to be reflected in the LDF in a co-ordinated way.

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

4. The Town Centre Fringe Masterplan consultation report (**Appendix A**) was considered by Cabinet on the 10th January 2012 and approved as a basis for consultation. The Cabinet Report, and associated Appendix and diagrams are attached to this report for background information.
5. The masterplan consultation will commence in March. The consultation materials, based on the attached report, will be presented to Scrutiny Committee for consideration and comment.
6. At the meeting the Scrutiny Committee Members will be asked to:-
 - (a) Receive a presentation and consultation materials from Officers.
 - (b) Consider and discuss the evidence base supporting the masterplan.
 - (c) Consider and discuss the outcomes being sought through the masterplan.
 - (d) Consider and comment on the draft Master Plan proposals.
 - (e) Identify interested parties and stakeholders not already identified.
 - (f) Address areas of concern / clarification.

Consultation

7. This Scrutiny Committee will be the first stage of the consultation, prior to the public events to be run in March and April 2012.