



Darlington Local Plan 2016-36

Stage 2: Local Plan Submission- Evidence Base- Policy - Delivery

Highlight Report (9)

Progress	Comments / Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mater Plan Inception Meetings – Second round of meetings have taken place for Skertingham and Greater Faverdale. ● A1 A66 Link Draft Reports Produced and comments made on high level options for new link road and improvements to existing A66. ● Meeting held with developers and landowners at Middleton St George and principle of joint working agreed. Meeting with MSG Parish scheduled with a view to setting up a workshop with developers/landowners/parish/ward members. ● Application made to HCA for resources to unblock strategic housing sites. ● Appointment of two planners agreed and appointments accepted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First appointment to start 13th Feb 17. ○ Second start date TBC likely March 17. ● Planning Assistants now working extended hours. ● Routemap shared with masterplan groups. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General consensus that outline timetable is challenging but achievable. ○ Project plan currently remains unaltered from that previously circulated. ● Excel training booked for staff. To be conducted 23rd February 2017 ● Project plan produced for necessary improvements to Microsite. 	<p><i>Arup March 2017</i> <i>TVCA May 2017</i> <i>Arup November 2017</i></p>
<p>Governance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Initial Topic Groups identified and inception meeting with group leads held on 16 January 2017. ● Quad of aims for Topic Groups produced. ● Additional session on ‘planning fundamentals’ requested by some group leads. To be arranged ASAP. ● Masterplan groups working on Terms of Reference, Governance Structure and ensuring relevant landowners engaged. 	<p><i>Planning Policy</i> <i>Task Group Leads.</i> <i>Developers/landowners</i></p>
Other Key Tasks	Comments / Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Internal workshop to refine Sustainability Appraisal Framework into more specific parameters and document work on strategic sites. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ONS data sets to be reviewed • Conversation regarding Heighington developments to be organised following learning from Middleton St George • Administration support to be recruited 	<p><i>IN</i> <i>DN/FMC</i></p> <p><i>DN/JA</i></p>
<p>Key Milestones</p>	<p>Comments / Actions</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOR for Task Groups agreed by next meeting and invites issues. • Feedback on capacity funding bid likely to be known. • See high-level plan for up to date timetable. 	<p><i>ALL LEADS</i></p>
<p>Risks</p>	<p>Comments / Actions</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Risk Log: ○ Staff resources – vacant post unfilled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Additional administrative support for masterplan and theme groups would be beneficial. ○ Two potential new Neighbourhood Plan Areas emerging that might direct resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Low Coniscliffe ▪ Hurworth ○ Planning Manager – ongoing sick leave. David Nelson continuing in ‘acting up’ role. ○ Anticipated White Paper on planning system in January 2017. Likely changes to OAN. Changes to “completion rather than commencement” and changes to S106 rules. This is major risk to plan timetable as it can affect viability and infrastructure provision. Further training required of support staff. ○ Ability of Greater Faverdale land owners and developers to muster resources and collaboration. ○ Task groups taking longer to get up to speed than anticipated. Further briefings required. 	<p><i>Posts will be filled during February and March.</i></p> <p><i>At time of writing (2/2/17) the White Paper has not been published.</i></p>