
DARLINGTON BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN 2016 – 2036

Purpose of the Report

1. This report seeks Members' comments and observations to the consultation draft version of the Local Plan 2016-2036.
2. Comments and observations of the Place Scrutiny Committee will be presented to Cabinet for it to consider in the context of its decision to move to a pre submission consultation on the Local Plan.

Summary

3. Cabinet will consider a report at its meeting on 5 June 2018 recommending that the Council moves to the next stage of the Local Plan development which is the consultation stage to commence in June 2018 on the draft Local Plan (**Annex 1**).
4. Scrutiny Committee have been kept informed of the development of the plan at key stages and through the regular reporting of the Highlight Reports of the Local Plan Members Reference Panel. Such key stages have included;

April 2016	New Local Plan Process, Timescales & Strategic Issues & Options
November 2016	Darlington Local Plan 2016 – 2036 Feedback, Strategic Framework & Next Steps
September 2017	Darlington Local Plan 2016 – 2036 Sustainability Appraisal Framework
January 2018	Darlington Borough Local Plan 2016 – 2036 Housing Targets & Local Plan Timetable

5. This is the first time that the whole of the plan and its policies have been presented in a consolidated document. This is one of the reasons why it needs to be tested through extensive consultation processes before being refined for submission to the Planning Inspectorate for examination.

Recommendation

6. Members are asked to consider the draft plan as a consultation document and make any comments or observations to the Cabinet for its consideration.

Ian Williams
Director of Economic Growth

S17 Crime and Disorder	The Local Plan has a role in reducing crime through the design and location of development.
Health and Well Being	A key objective of Local Plan policies will be to improve people's health and wellbeing by protecting and improving the economic, social and environmental conditions in the Borough.
Carbon Impact	A Sustainability Appraisal has been carried out on the strategic issues and options. Achieving sustainable development will be a fundamental objective of the Local Plan.
Diversity	An Equalities Impact Assessment will be part of the local plan preparation process.
Wards Affected	All.
Groups Affected	All
Budget and Policy Framework	The Local Plan will be prepared using existing budgets and will ultimately form part of the Council's Planning Policy Framework.
Key Decision	Yes
Urgent Decision	No
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The Local Plan will represent the spatial implications of the overarching aims of One Darlington: Perfectly Placed.
Efficiency	The consultation stage of the Local Plan represents the most efficient way to produce the Local Plan having regard to the legislative and engagement requirements.
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers