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## Access details for the Planning Committee:

### Join Zoom Meeting

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Dear Planning Committee Member,

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, I hereby give you notice that a meeting of the **Planning Committee** will be held in **via Zoom** on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 2pm** to transact the following business:

1. **Welcome and apologies**
2. **To receive any declarations of interest from members.**
3. **To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.**
4. **To receive any public participation comments on the following agenda items.** Please email the Parish Clerk [parishclerk@cityofdurham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@cityofdurham-pc.gov.uk) to register to speak.
5. **Matters arising:**
  - (a) **To approve the responses to the following planning applications:**
    - DM/21/02952/FPA and DM/21/02953/LB** | Conversion of upper floors to create a 6-bed HMO (Use Class C4), installation of rooflights and new door within frontage | 24 - 25 Market Place Durham DH1 3NJ.
    - DM/21/02896/FPA** | Redevelopment of stables to provide 1no 4 bed dwelling | Fernhill Newcastle Road Crossgate Moor Durham DH1 4JZ.
    - DM/21/02697/FPA** | Addition of conservatory and terrace to serve the restaurant and bar | Farnley Tower The Avenue Durham DH1 4DX.
    - DM/20/03558/OUT** | Proposed residential development of up to 500 dwellings (outline including access) (amended 24th August 2021). | Land To The East Of Regents Court Sherburn Road Durham.
    - DM/21/02774/VOC** | S.73 application for the removal of Condition No.3 (Outside seating) to permit outside seating within the rear garden on a

permanent basis pursuant to DM/19/01789/VOC. | 57 Claypath Durham DH1 1QS.

**(b) Consideration of further representations from DCC's Design and Conservation Officer regarding the following planning application(s):**

**DM/21/01876/FPA** | Demolition of existing house and construction of replacement house on same footprint | Sidegate House Sidegate Durham DH1 5SY.

**(c) To consider the outcome of the Central and East Area County Planning Committee meeting (held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021) on the following applications:**

**DM/20/03760/FPA** | Partial change of use to create 57 bed Student Accommodation Facility to include the erection of a single storey extension to existing roof and associated access arrangements (amended title) (updated elevation and floor plan to south west) | First To Third Floors 4 - 6 Silver Street Durham DH1 3RB

**DM/21/02279/FPA** | Erection of single-storey extension and new window both to rear elevation and internal alterations to an existing HMO (use Class C4). | 26 May Street Durham DH1 4EN

**6. Progressing the two Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) – report attached on trees SPD.**

**7. To consider these planning applications:**

**a. To note:**

**DM/21/03015/CEU** | Application for certificate of lawful use of the property as a C4 HMO prior to the Article 4 Direction coming into force 16th September 2016 | 2 Ferens Close Durham DH1 1JX

**DM/21/03016/CEU** | Application for certificate of lawful use of the property as a C4 HMO prior to the Article 4 Direction coming into force 16th September 2016 | 11 Ferens Close Durham DH1 1JX

**DM/21/03017/CEU** | Application for certificate of lawful use of the property as a C4 HMO prior to the Article 4 Direction coming into force 16th September 2016 | 13 Ferens Close Durham DH1 1JX

**DM/21/03018/CEU** | Application for certificate of lawful use of the property as a C4 HMO prior to the Article 4 Direction coming into force 16th September 2016 | 15 Ferens Close Durham DH1 1JX

**b. To consider making representations:**

**DM/21/03014/FPA** | Replacement of 3no. windows to front elevation of dwelling house. | 4 The Avenue Durham DH1 4ED

**DM/21/02785/AD** | Erection and display of 1no illuminated fascia sign, 1no illuminated projecting sign, 1no non-illuminated fascia sign and internally applied vinyl signs | 30-31 High Street Durham DH1 3UL

**DM/21/03050/FPA** | Change of Use from 5 bed C4 HMO to 7 Bed Sui Generis HMO and two storey side extension | 1 Elvet Crescent Durham DH1 3AP

**DM/21/02956/AD** | Replacement of existing signage with current logos | 36 The Riverwalk Millburngate Durham DH1 4SL

**DM/21/02928/FPA** | External seating area with associated structure, awnings, lighting and heating | Turtle Bay Unit 11 The Riverwalk Millburngate Durham DH1 4SL

**DM/21/03052/FPA** | Change of use of circulation/amenity space to outdoor seating areas | The Riverwalk Millburngate Durham DH1 4SL

- 8. Durham City North West Parking and Waiting Restrictions Amendment Order 2021** – report included.
- 9. To consider the proposals from the Parish Council’s Environment Committee on activities to tackle climate change** – report included.

And, pursuant to the provisions of the above-named Act, I Hereby Summon You to attend the said meeting.

**Adam Shanley**  
**Clerk to the City of Durham Parish Council**

# City of Durham Parish Council

## Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held via Zoom at 13:00 pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

**Present:** Cllr L Brown (in the Chair), Cllr V Ashfield, Cllr R Friederichsen, Cllr C Lattin and Cllr R Ormerod.

**Also present:** A Shanley (Parish Clerk), Mr Roger Cornwell, Mr John Ashby, Cllr Esther Ashby, Cllr Robert Hanson, Ms Sue Childs, Mr Michael Hurlow, Mr John Lowe, Mr Peter Smith and Mr Terry Greenwell. (members of the public)

### 1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr G Holland.

### 2. To receive any declarations of interest from members

None received.

At this point in the meeting, Cllr R Friederichsen advised that it was his intention to resign from this Committee following today's meeting, as he wished to focus a lot of his work and efforts on the climate change work the Council is undertaking. The Chair and the Committee expressed their thanks to Cllr Friederichsen for his work on this Committee and also their hope that Cllr Friederichsen will be able to support the work of the Committee when assessing the impact of schemes on climate change.

### 3. To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021 were unanimously **agreed** as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

### 4. To receive any public participation comments on the following agenda items.

Mr Terry Greenwell advised that he was attending the meeting to contribute to the discussions on the Sidegate House application.

Mr Peter Smith advised that he was attending the meeting to contribute to the discussions on the Sidegate House application.

Ms Sue Childs advised that she was attending the meeting to hear discussions on Item 6 of the Agenda.

Mr Michael Hurlow advised that he was attending the meeting to hear discussions on Item 6 of the Agenda.

Mr John Ashby advised that he was attending the meeting to hear discussions on Items 6 and 7 of the Agenda.

Mr Roger Cornwell advised that he was attending the meeting to hear discussions on Items 6 and 7 of the Agenda.

Cllr Esther Ashby advised that she was attending the meeting to hear discussions on the Ainsley Street appeal as well as applications DM/21/02917/FPA and DM/20/03558/OUT.

Cllr Robert Hanson advised that he was attending the meeting to hear discussions on Item 7 of the Agenda.

Mr John Lowe advised that he was attending the meeting to hear discussions on item 7 of the Agenda. Mr John Lowe again raised the concern about the closure of Framwellgate Peth and advised that the signage still needed to be reviewed. The Clerk advised that he would look into this. Mr John Lowe also advised that local residents had now received two letters from the developer updating them of the situation.

## 5. Matters arising:

### (d) To approve the responses to the following planning applications:

**DM/21/02626/FPA** | Change of use from small HMO (use class C4) to a sui generis HMO. | 9 John Street Durham DH1 4DE. The Committee **approved** the response to this application.

**DM/21/02731/FPA** | Retention of enlarged hardstanding/access area at front of site. | Braeside Newcastle Road Crossgate Moor Durham DH1 4HZ. The Committee **approved** the response to this application.

**DM/21/01876/FPA** | Demolition of existing house and construction of replacement house on same footprint | Sidegate House Sidegate Durham DH1 5SY. The Committee **approved** the response to this application.

**DM/21/02279/FPA** | Erection of single-storey extension and new window both to rear elevation and internal alterations to an existing HMO (use Class C4). | 26 May Street Durham DH1 4EN. The Committee **approved** the response to this application.

### (e) To ratify the following decisions taken over correspondence on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021:

Amendments to **DM/21/02271/FPA** | Conversion of upper floors to form 1no. 4-bedroom dwelling (C4 HMO) and change of use to part ground floor to form separate entrance | 37 - 38 Silver Street Durham DH1 3RD. **Agreed to withdraw objection.** The Committee **agreed** to ratify this decision.

**DM/21/02733/FPA** | Change of Use from Sui Generis (A4) back to Use Class E (retail use) | Ground Floor 35A Saddler Street Durham DH1 3NU. **Agreed to note this application.** The Committee **agreed** to ratify this decision.

**DM/21/02776/LB** | Stonework conservation and repairs, replacement of existing coping stone, installation of new wrought iron railing to the Monks Garden Wall | Durham Cathedral The College Durham DH1 3EH. **Agreed to note this application.** The Committee **agreed** to ratify this decision.

**DM/21/02684/VOC** | Variation of conditions 2, 4 and 21 pursuant to planning permission DM/20/01280/FPA to permit additional demolition and subsequent rebuild to section of south west elevation, partial demolition of curtilage wall and variation of construction management plan and demolition method statement conditions | Mount Oswald Golf Club House Mount Oswald Golf Club South Road

Durham DH1 3TQ. **Agreed to note this application.** The Committee **agreed** to ratify this decision.

**DM/21/02661/LB** | Additional demolition and subsequent rebuild to section of south west elevation and partial demolition of curtilage wall associated with DM/20/01286/LB & DM/20/01280/FPA | Mount Oswald Golf Club House Mount Oswald Golf Club South Road Durham DH1 3TQ. **Agreed to note this application.** The Committee **agreed** to ratify this decision.

**DM/21/02866/TPO** | Removal of Branches of Willow Tree (Salix Alba) | 4 Beechways Durham DH1 4LG. **Agreed to note this application.** The Committee **agreed** to ratify this decision.

**DM/21/02789/FPA** | Change of use of outbuilding from a domestic recording studio on the ground floor and residential unit on the first floor (ancillary to residential use) to commercial sound mixing studio on ground floor and linked residential unit on first floor, and retention of side entrance porch | Spring Cottage Clay Lane Durham DH1 4QL. **Agreed to note this application, subject to the response from DCC Environmental Health Team.** The Committee **agreed** to note this application.

**DM/21/02774/VOC** | S.73 application for the removal of Condition No.3 (Outside seating) to permit outside seating within the rear garden on a permanent basis pursuant to DM/19/01789/VOC. | 57 Claypath Durham DH1 1QS. **Agreed to note this application, subject to the response from DCC Environmental Health Team and local residents.** The Committee noted the objections from local residents and **agreed** to comment on the application, supporting the use of the outside seating as applied for, with the requirement that the noise levels be kept to conversation level only and that the management plan agreed be adhered to at all times. The Clerk **agreed** to draft the response to this application.

**DM/21/02770/FPA** | Construction of detached double garage. | Hillcrest Springfield Park Durham DH1 4LS. **Agreed to note this application.** The Committee **agreed** to ratify this decision.

**(f) Discussion with the applicant for the following planning application(s):**

**DM/21/01876/FPA** | Demolition of existing house and construction of replacement house on same footprint | Sidegate House Sidegate Durham DH1 5SY. Mr Peter Smith and Mr Terry Greenwell advised that they had taken advice from officers and considered the representations made on this application and felt that the amendments to the scheme now met all concerns. Terry asked if the Parish Council would re-consider its stance on this application, following the amendments to the scheme. Cllr L Brown advised that the Committee has concerns about the impact of this proposal on the green belt and the Conservation Area. The Committee **agreed** to consider the representations made by DCC's Design and Conservation officer on this scheme and will decide on its position thereafter.

**(g) To consider the outcome of the following planning appeal(s):**

**DM/20/01124/FPA** | Retention of use of land for 2 car parking spaces. | Land To South Of Flass Vale House Ainsley Street Durham DH1 4BJ. The Committee noted with disappointment that the appeal had been successful. The Clerk reminded Members that planning permission does not supersede any legal rights of access which the public has over this land.

**6. Progressing the two Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)**

The Clerk reminded Members that they had now agreed to progress two SPDs – a design guide for Durham City and a tree protection SPD. The Clerk advised that, subsequent to the discussion at the last Committee meeting with DCC officers, the Parish Council had been contacted by the Neighbourhood Planning officer at DCC regarding the design SPD, seeking a meeting with the Council on 6<sup>th</sup> October, which the Parish Council has accepted.

The Clerk also advised that the City of Durham Trust had met and has now confirmed that Ms Sue Childs and Mr Michael Hurlow wished to be the Trust's representatives on any working group which is established to progress these SPDs.

It was **agreed** that the trees SPD should be progressed as soon as possible, with a report going to Full Council in September on this and the agreement that the Council's planning consultant should support this work.

## **7. To consider these planning applications:**

### **a. To note:**

**DM/21/02692/FPA** | Replacement chiller units on roof. | Her Majestys Passport Office Freemans Reach Riverside Place Durham DH1 1SL. It was **agreed** to note this application.

**DM/21/02850/LB** | Listed building consent to rebuild collapsed boundary wall. | St Mary The Less St Johns Chapel South Bailey Durham DH1 3EQ. It was **agreed** to note this application.

**DM/21/02932/FPA** | Change of use form bar to waffle/ice-cream/coffee-shop (retrospective) | 33 Saddler Street Durham DH1 3NU. It was **agreed** to note this application.

**DM/21/02939/LB** | Removal and Replacement of Main Roof Structure including Demolition and Rebuild of Main Chimney | 78 Gilesgate Durham DH1 1HY. It was **agreed** to note this application.

**DM/21/02954/FPA** | Stonework conservation and repairs, replacement of existing coping stone, installation of new wrought iron railing to the Monks Garden Wall | Durham Cathedral The College Durham DH1 3EH. It was **agreed** to note this application.

**DM/21/02934/AD** | New signs to replace existing signs | 7 Old Elvet Durham DH1 3HL. It was **agreed** to note this application.

**DM/21/02985/TPO** | Felling and Removal of 1No Wild Cherry Tree plus Pollarding and Removal of Branches of Various Other Trees | Quarryside Back Western Hill Durham DH1 4RG. It was **agreed** to note this application.

### **b. To consider making representations:**

**DM/21/02838/FPA** | Single storey rear extension to existing (C4) HMO to provide kitchen area and bike shed | 165 Gilesgate Durham DH1 1QH. It was **agreed** to note this application.

**DM/21/02980/CEU** | Application for certificate of lawful use of the property as a C4 HMO prior to the Article 4 Direction coming into force 16th September 2016 | 8 Flass Street Durham DH1 4BE. It was **agreed** to note this application.

**DM/21/02952/FPA and DM/21/02953/LB** | Conversion of upper floors to create a 6-bed HMO (Use Class C4), installation of rooflights and new door within

frontage | 24 - 25 Market Place Durham DH1 3NJ. It was **agreed** to object to these applications and to call these applications in to the Central and East Area County Planning Committee should the officers be minded to approve. The Clerk **agreed** to draft the response to these applications.

**DM/21/02917/FPA** | Replace 15m pole and 3no cabinets with 20.0m Orion pole supporting 6no antennas, 3no Remote Radio Units underneath the antennas, 2no 300mm dishes, install a York cabinet and ancillary development. | Road Verge To The South Of Fernhill Newcastle Road Crossgate Moor DH1 4JZ. It was **agreed** to note this application.

**DM/21/02896/FPA** | Redevelopment of stables to provide 1no 4 bed dwelling | Fernhill Newcastle Road Crossgate Moor Durham DH1 4JZ. It was **agreed** to object to this application and to call this application in to the Central and East Area County Planning Committee should the officers be minded to approve. It was **agreed** that Joanne Garrick should be asked to draft the response to this application.

**DM/21/02697/FPA** | Addition of conservatory and terrace to serve the restaurant and bar | Farnley Tower The Avenue Durham DH1 4DX. It was **agreed** to object to this application and to call this application in to the Central and East Area County Planning Committee should the officers be minded to approve. Cllr L Brown **agreed** to draft the response to this application.

**DM/20/03558/OUT** | Proposed residential development of up to 500 dwellings (outline including access) (amended 24th August 2021). | Land To The East Of Regents Court Sherburn Road Durham. It was **agreed** to object to this application. Cllr C Lattin **agreed** to draft the response to these applications.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked Members of the Committee and members of the public for their participation and closed the meeting.

Signed,

**Chair of the Parish Council Planning Committee  
(17<sup>th</sup> September 2021)**



## **ITEM 6: SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT ON TREE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION**

### **Trees as a part of our Parish**

Whether through the adoption of initiative 17 of the Parish Council's Looking Forwards document, the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan which focuses on green infrastructure, through priorities within the Parish Council's strategy or from the work of the Parish Council's Environment Committee to clean and green Durham City, the City of Durham Parish Council has clearly stated its commitment to protecting and enhancing trees in the parish area.

Trees are a notable part of existing landscapes within the City of Durham Parish area and the benefits of trees in the City have long been acknowledged. Trees and green landscaping are a cost-effective way to improve the environmental quality of Durham City by, delivering physical, social and economic well-being. Trees and landscaping help mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change, manage flood risk, improve surface water management, air quality, biodiversity and the visual amenity of an area. Planning for the future is key to having a resilient city and a sustainable place to live. To that end, Members are keen to progress a proposal of a Supplementary Planning Document for the management of trees.

### **Supplementary Planning Documents**

Supplementary Planning Documents are intended to add further detail to the policies within a Local Plan. They can be used to provide further guidance for development on specific sites or on particular issues. Supplementary planning documents would support and is directed by a number of national and local planning policies and are capable of being a material consideration in planning decisions but are not part of the development plan.

### **Background**

In 2019, the Principal Landscape Officer at Durham County Council met with the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party to discuss the issue of tree management in more detail. The conclusions from the meeting in 2019 were that a Supplementary Planning Document was the way forward and had to be drawn from an approved development plan policy - either in the County Durham Plan or the Durham City Neighbourhood Plan. One approach considered was to extend the Character Assessment work that had been done with local residents' groups so as to add trees and greenery to the built environment assessments that now form the basis of the Conservation Area characterisations of built vernacular in each locality.

Since then, multiple meetings have taken place with relevant officers at Durham County Council on this issue and it is clear that there is a shared desire to seek opportunities to protect and enhance trees in the parish area.

The officer advised that the County Council is currently putting together a Tree and Woodland Strategy for the whole of County Durham. The Officer also advised that

planners will need to consider this Strategy in any decision making. Though the Strategy wouldn't go fully in depth to specific sites, it would provide overall global guidance for the County Council in terms of the management of trees in their ownership.

The officer also advised that only 5-10% of the trees in the City of Durham parish area are owned and managed by the County Council. The majority of trees in the parish are owned by the University and the Dean and Chapter.

In January 2021, the Parish Council committed a budget of £4,000 to delivering two SPDs – a good design guide and a tree protection SPD, which are intended to be linked to the Durham City Neighbourhood Plan.

The County Council has also indicated its desire to create a design guide for the entirety of County Durham, with the intention of having this formally adopted by 2024.

## **Policy context**

### **The National Planning Policy Framework**

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2021) sets out the Government's planning policies for England. It has a presumption in favour of sustainable development. A core principle for planning is that it should contribute to conserving and enhancing the natural environment and reducing pollution. The NPPF contains a range of policies which promote sustainable development, by requiring good design, promoting healthy communities, meeting the challenge of climate change and flooding and enhancing and conserving the natural and local environment. Planning policies and planning decisions should recognise the wider benefits from natural capital and ecosystem services including the economic and other benefits of trees and woodland.

The general view is that the 2021 updated version of the NPPF strengthens the position on retaining, protecting and adding to trees nationally; with a requirement for new streets to now also include lines of trees.

### **The Neighbourhood Plan**

Policy G1 of the Durham City Neighbourhood Plan deals specifically with the protection and, where viable, enhancement of green infrastructure in the parish. It states:

#### **Protecting green assets**

Development proposals must not result in the loss of existing green assets unless:

- the affected asset does not have a significant recreational, heritage, cultural, ecological, landscape or townscape value; or
- the affected asset can be demonstrated to be surplus to local requirements and there are alternatives which are capable of serving the needs of the occupants of the development and of the environment; and
- retention of the existing green asset within the site is not viable or practicable.

If the loss of green assets is unavoidable, a compensatory amount of green assets should be provided within the site in the first instance. Where opportunities within the site are constrained then consideration will be given to provision off site which is capable of serving the needs of the occupants of the development and of the environment. In all instances opportunities to incorporate innovative solutions on site should be exhausted.

### **Enhancing green assets**

Where viable, development proposals are encouraged and will be supported to provide additional good quality green assets on site with regard to deficiencies of green assets within Our Neighbourhood.

Any new green assets provided should be native species, appropriate to the context, having regard to the landscape, townscape.

Policy H3 also deals with our neighbourhood outside the Conservation Area. It states:

Development proposals within Our Neighbourhood outside the Conservation Areas must demonstrate an understanding of the area of the proposed development and its relationship to Our Neighbourhood as a whole.

Development proposals outside the Conservation Areas should take into account, and meet where relevant to the area to which the proposal relates, the following requirements, by:

- sustaining and enhancing the character and distinctiveness of the area; and
- avoiding the loss of open space and public realm that contributes to the character and appearance of the surrounding area;

### **County Council tree management policy**

The County Council adopted a tree management policy in July 2017. This document brings all tree management procedures together and explains:

- how 'highways tree inspection programme' works
- how the County Council will deal with complaints and reports about trees in their ownership
- how the County Council will prioritise work and the reasons why work will or won't be done
- how and why the County Council manages its tree stock
- what powers the County Council has over trees on private land
- how the policy will affect planning and development control
- how we make decisions and what affects the decisions

A copy of this policy can be found here:

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/treemanagement>

### **Legislative context**

Trees are protected under planning law by the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012. This allows the County Council to protect trees on private land with a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) if they have 'good visual amenity value' meaning that they can be seen by the public and add to the quality of the local area. Once a tree has a TPO, planning permission is required before carrying out any work to trees including work to the roots. The legislation also protects all trees with a stem diameter greater than 75mm in conservation areas due to the contribution trees make to the character of conservation areas. If work to the tree is planned, the County Council requires six weeks' notification prior to any works commencing. The County Council will place a TPO on the tree(s) if it considers the works will be detrimental to the visual amenity value or health of the trees.

In addition to statutory duties specifically related to trees, Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, places a duty on a public authority to

have regard, in the exercise of their function, to the purpose of considering biodiversity. The County Council has also statutory obligations concerning designated wildlife sites and protected species. These all translate into the requirement to plan carefully to ensure there is no net loss of biodiversity through protection and new trees and landscaping contributes to achieving gains for nature.

### **Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) and trees in conservation areas**

In England, Local Planning Authorities have the power to protect important trees by making a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). Trees are also protected if they are in a conservation area.

A TPO is a legal document made, administered and enforced by us as the local planning authority. It protects specified trees and woodlands, and prevents cutting down, uprooting, topping, lopping, wilful damage or destruction of trees (including cutting roots) without our permission.

A TPO can protect anything from a single tree to all trees within a defined group or woodland. There are currently around 700 TPOs in County Durham. Further details of protected trees and trees in conservation areas can be found here: <http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/3914/Protected-trees>

### **Proposed aims of the SPD**

Within Durham City's landscape, trees can often have the greatest impact, with long term benefits. That being the case, development and construction can often damage trees through direct loss, reduction in space for growth and spread, direct damage due to soil compaction or root severance or through contamination. Landscaping is also very important to the environmental quality of an area. Development provides the opportunity to improve the environment by increasing species diversity, ensuring good specification and planting.

The proposed purpose of the SPD is to ensure trees and landscaping are fully considered as part of development proposals. The document will provide further guidance and detail on local planning policies so as to ensure that the existing and potential contribution of trees and other greenery towards the particular character of each locality will be maintained and improved. The SPD will:

- Demonstrate clear procedures for the retention and protection of existing landscape features within developments and open spaces;
- Increase the provision and diversity of local green landscaping;
- Maintain and improve the distinctive green components of each character area.
- Provide guidance on specification, planting and maintenance of trees.
- Place replacement planting requirements on developers when trees are removed as part of a development and specify requirements on typography, species, etc of replacement trees.
- Provide guidance on when felling should take place if this is unavoidable.
- Provide guidance on the impact of trees on biodiversity and local wildlife corridors.

### Next steps and costs

The Parish Council's Planning Committee has proposed the creation of a working group to progress the two SPDs. It is proposed that Ms Sue Childs and Mr Michael Hurlow (City of Durham Trust) join this working group, given their clear expertise in these fields. This working group would be delegated responsibility to deliver these SPDs on behalf of the Parish Council.

It is proposed that the Parish Council launches a public consultation on the proposed SPD on trees as soon as possible (to be linked to the Neighbourhood Plan) and seeking community support for this SPD, what the SPD should cover and clarification on what trees are valued in the parish and where, etc.

The Parish Clerk has sought cost estimates from the Parish Council's planning consultant on support for the creation of the SPD on trees. Jo-Anne Garrick has indicated that costs to prepare the SPD described in the brief above would be between £2,000 to £3,000. This would obviously depend on how many meetings the Parish Council wished Jo-Anne to attend, input to/ attendance at a consultation event, discussions with the County Council, etc.

<b>DECISIONS REQUIRED</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) For Members to recommend to Full Council the creation of this Working Group, with delegated responsibility to deliver the proposed SPDs as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.</li><li>2) For Members to recommend the proposed next steps, as set out in the above report, to Full Council on the proposed SPD on tree protection.</li><li>3) For Members to recommend the proposed brief for the trees SPD as set out in the above report.</li></ol>
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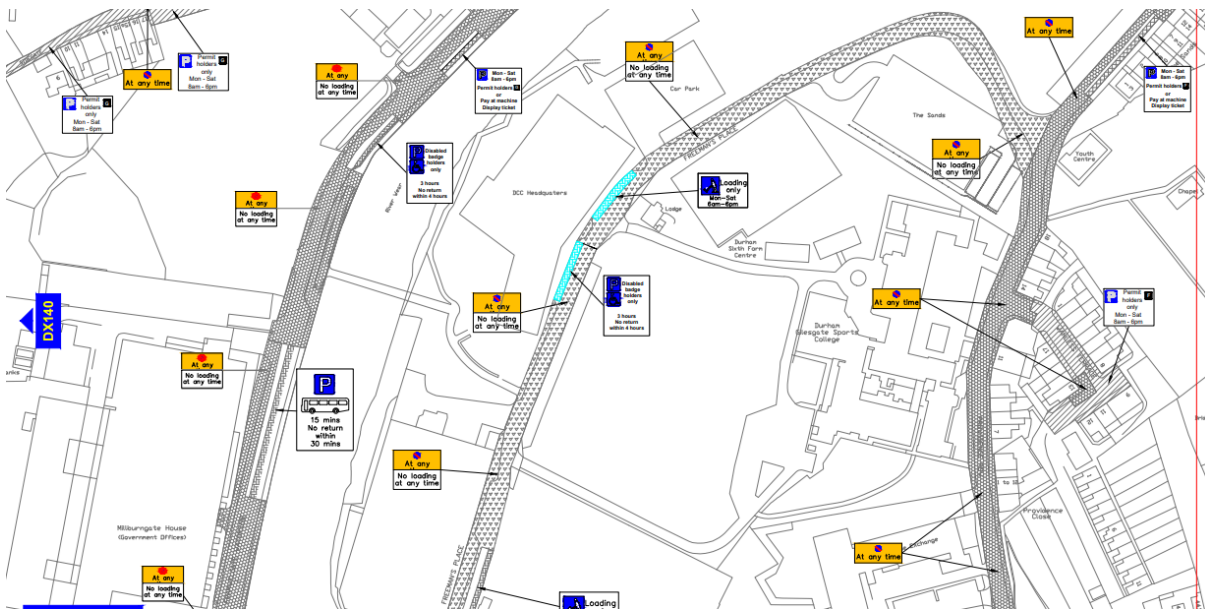
## ITEM 8: DURHAM CITY NORTH WEST PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS AMENDMENT ORDER 2021

The County Council is proposing to make an Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32 and 35 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect being to:

- To amend the existing No Waiting and No Loading/Unloading at Any time Restriction to Disabled Badge Holders only 3 hours No return within 4 hours on the west side of Freemans Place from a point 11 metres south of the entrance to Durham Sixth Form heading in a southerly direction for 26 metres.
- To amend the existing No Waiting and No Loading/Unloading at Any time Restriction to Loading Only Mon-Sat 8am-6pm on the west side of Freemans Place from a point opposite the entrance to Durham Sixth Form heading in a northerly direction for 25 metres.

The Parish Council is a statutory consultee on highways matters and any comments on this proposal must be made by 30 September 2021.

The following map is intended to illustrate the proposal more clearly to Members.



## **ITEM 9: CONSIDERATION OF SUGGESTED PLANNING COMMITTEE ACTIONS IN RESPECT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN**

The Parish Council has made a commitment to combatting the global climate emergency by encouraging a healthy natural environment, improving air quality, promoting zero carbon developments, managing land for nature and reducing waste, so promoting the health and wellbeing of our residents and reduced impact on the global climate.

The Parish Council is now seeking to underpin all activities with the principle of sustainable development, embodied within the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Some of these commitments can be met a Full Council level, as it is recognised the Council does not have the powers to achieve many of these aspirations but will have to work with partners to encourage their action. Some of the commitments will be better achieved through the Council's Committees.

At the last Full Parish Council meeting, it was agreed that each of the identified priorities should go forward to Committees for each Committee of the Parish Council to consider what action it may be able to take on this.

The Sustainability Principles in the report to Full Council relating to the Planning Committee included:

- Actively support planning applications for new renewable energy in the area.
- Place conditions on all new planning applications: require every decision to be well informed on its climate impact and demand that the planning authority provides you with the appropriate information;
- Influence decisions on infrastructure and transport projects made by local authorities;
- Encourage increase in the amount of renewable energy generated locally & encourage use of electronic display showing how much energy has been generated and how much money and CO2 emissions saved;
- Request street lighting which uses well-directed LED lighting;
- Encourage car-sharing schemes for commuting and non-commuting journeys.
- Press for differential car-parking charges for fully electric, hybrid and high carbon vehicles and provide dedicated spaces with electric charging points;
- ban the use of idling carbon-using vehicles (e.g., ice cream vans and promotion vehicles) in the Market Place, Millennium Place and other central urban spaces in the County.

<b>DECISION REQUIRED</b>	For Members to consider what actions, from the above list or otherwise, which the Parish Council's Planning Committee may be able to take, in order to support the fight against climate change.
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