

## Scope of the Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan and development of Policy areas – Vision, Themes, Objectives, Actions and Timescales

### 1. **Vision**

To ensure that Haydon Parish is a great place to live, work and flourish through:

- Protecting its heritage
- Tackling environmental and accessibility issues
- Addressing local housing need for different social, economic and age groups; and
- Preserving and promoting community buildings and green space to promote quality of life

Thereby sustaining Haydon Parish as village and not a dormitory town of Hexham.

### 2. **Themes, objectives actions**

**(Text in red relating to themes 1 and 4 indicates areas still to be clarified for specialist work by consultants)**

#### **Theme 1: Housing**

**Objective: to support small scale housing within the settlement boundary of Haydon Bridge that meets identified local housing needs ?Designating sites for site allocation for housing**

#### Actions:

Commission a housing needs survey through CAN (Community Action Northumberland) to identify local housing need – which population groups (e.g. older people), amount, type, design, tenure and flood risk

? Work on designating sites for site allocation

#### Timescale:

Housing needs survey and analysis to be completed by end of 2019/early 2020 (subject to when CAN are able to get it done)

Site allocation work to be carried out January – May 2020

#### **Theme 2: Outdoor green spaces**

**Objective: to protect existing green spaces by ensuring that they are designated as Local Green Spaces**

#### Actions:

Task Group to undertake an audit to identify existing green spaces and justify areas to be designated as Local Green Spaces.

#### Timescale:

Complete by end of November 2019

### **Theme 3: Mobility and transport**

**Objective: To mitigate the impact of road traffic and cars in Haydon Bridge; to increase spaces for parking; to prepare for the transformation to electric cars; and to improve opportunities for walkers and cyclists through enhancing the development of paths, bridleways and cycling routes**

Much of this work will be carried out by the Parish Council outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan.

#### Actions:

To continue the work with the county council on traffic calming and parking improvement measures in Haydon Bridge

To undertake an audit of local paths and bridleways, and identify other potential cycling routes

#### Timescale

To complete by March 2020

### **Theme 4: The Conservation Area and design and development outside the Conservation Area**

**Objective: to preserve and enhance the character of the conservation area and wider Parish by ensuring that developments are in keeping with the surrounding area, of a high quality, and reflect the principles of the Design Code and/or the 2009 Tynedale Council Conservation Area Character Appraisal**

#### Actions:

To determine if the NP should include a Design Statement and/or Design Code

To commission work needed to turn the objective into Planning Policy and supporting documentation

#### Timescale:

To complete by May 2020 if proceeding with Design Code, or earlier if not.

## **Theme 5: Community facilities and services**

**Objective: to retain and protect our community facilities and services**

### Actions:

To undertake an audit of existing community facilities and services and their value to the community, and to identify any gaps in community facilities and services. From the results of the audit, to highlight community facilities and services where planning applications that would result in potential loss of or change to these facilities would be opposed or only supported if suitable replacement alternative premises are found.

Timescale: To be completed by end of January 2020

## **Theme 6: Local economy and employment land**

**Objective: to support existing local businesses and to promote the provision of business premises for new business development where need and demand is identified**

### Actions:

Undertake a survey of all businesses in the Parish (including home working) to identify issues and needs for sustainability and growth.

Identify potential sites for industrial units/business development (e.g. Langley Brickworks)

Follow up with face to face meeting with businesses to test different options such as start up units/live work units/storage units and develop Policies based on needs and demand identified

Timescale: January – April 2020

## **Theme 7: Flooding**

**Objective: to identify and support actions that reduce the likelihood of flooding and reduce the impact**

It is recognised that much of this work will be carried out by the Parish Council outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan, in consultation with The Environment Agency, Northumberland County Council and Northumbrian Water

### Actions:

To identify potential development sites that are in flood risk areas in Haydon Bridge and to develop Planning Policies that ensure that proposals for new developments in flood risk areas have passed the Sequential Test to steer developments to areas with the lowest probability of flooding, or ensure that a development provides wider sustainability benefits to the community that outweigh the flood risk.

### Timescale:

Complete by end of March 2020