

# Consett Area Neighbourhood Forum – Management Committee

## 7pm, 13 January 2025

### Zoom

#### Attendees:

Christine Thomas – Chair  
Mike Shiels – Secretary  
Anne Louise Grant – Treasurer  
John Million – MC member  
Mark Russell – MC member  
Ian Peart – MC Member  
Niamh McDonald – MC member  
Anthony Robson – MC member  
Jo-Anne Garrick – Planning Consultant

#### Apologies:

Kelli Turner – MC member  
Maureen Clyne – MC member  
Richard Lumley – MC member  
Lucy Reed – Data Protection Officer

### Minutes

#### 1. Housing Needs Analysis feedback

DCC feedback received and incorporated with wider Forum feedback. Sent to AECOM on 29 Jan.

Will not publish more widely until we get the final version. Expect this within 2 weeks.

#### 2. GIS mapping update and next steps

John and Mark will be providing some additional information. Transfer licence from Niamh, to enable this.

Anne Louise has provided information on a possible way to solve the OS licencing issue with DCC. Ian will discuss further to understand how this might work. Jo-Anne believes that we *are* developing (a plan, with data) on behalf of Durham, so this should fit within the terms of a “developer” licence.

Jo-Anne will need evidence to support all the green space assets and non-designated heritage, for background papers on each. She will send Ian an example paper from elsewhere to see the sort of info needed. Ian can then assess how to provide. Meantime, Jo-Anne can use GIS to check heritage in Benfieldside and green spaces in Delves as our richest data currently. Niamh has already sent Jo-Anne the spreadsheets that she used for data entry, so that’s basically the same data.

Jo-Anne advised that we focus mainly on what we want to *protect*, rather than housing numbers, as these are subject to significant change due to new targets from national government and hence potential new Durham plan. If we set out the *kind* of housing we want (size, affordability, infrastructure, etc), then however many end up getting built, they will be the sort we want.

### **3. Community Consultation update**

Last community consultation in the planned series will be 10am on 31 Jan. Government consultant will observe this session as an example of digital engagement. MC member welcome.

### **4. Design Codes update**

This has not been delivered yet, delay due to personal issues, so community consultation has not been able to cover this. May need to arrange further sessions later or cover at the next full Forum.

Christine awaiting new delivery date, likely up to 4 weeks.

### **5. Updating the CANP**

Jo-Anne requested the latest version (based on hers, ideally with track changes).

### **6. Actions completed / new actions**

Actions were updated - See action log.

### **7. AOB**

None

### **8. Date / time of future meetings**

- Next MC meeting 20 February, 7pm at Christine's office, Consett Business Park