



Ord, Horncliffe, Norham, Shoreswood, Duddo, Ancroft, Kyloe and Holy Island Parish Councils, assisted by a Steering Group of representatives from each Parish Council, are working hard to write a Neighbourhood Plan for the Norham & Islandshire Neighbourhood Area.

Neighbourhood Planning gives us a unique opportunity to **produce our own Neighbourhood Development Plan** which will guide what kind of development we have, and where, over the next **15 years (2018 - 2033)**.

However, we need to make sure that we **listen closely to the community**, and make sure that the planning policies we write **reflect what our community want**. At the end of the process, you, the community, will vote on whether you agree with the Plan at a referendum.

We have used material we have from previous consultations, and all 8 Parish Councils have put forward suggestions. Now we need your feedback, and input.

Neighbourhood Plans only deal with Land Use Planning matters. They do not address other issues, such as litter, dog fouling, highways improvements, public transport, health services and education services. They are about the use, and development of land. **The policies in our Neighbourhood Plan will be used to decide whether to approve or refuse planning applications in our area.**

Where have we got so far?

We have a **Vision** for the Neighbourhood Area's future and **4 Objectives** (Sustainable Community, Housing, Economy and Environment). We think these objectives broadly reflect the issues in our communities. We think we can address many of these issues through planning policies and community projects in our Neighbourhood Plan objectives.

We really need your feedback, and would like you to be as specific as you can. Please fill in the boxes, and give us as much information as you can.

This form is also available online on the website www.northumberlandparishes.uk/ord and you can e-mail your responses to: Isabel.hunter31@btinternet.com

Please complete this questionnaire and return to your own Parish Council. Responses are requested by the end of February 2018.

OUR DRAFT VISION FOR THE NORHAM & ISLANDSHIRE NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA:

“Norham and Islandshire Neighbourhood Area will promote **sustainable communities which are socially and demographically diverse**. Development that takes place here, will be of a type and in a place which **enhances and supports local infrastructure** – public transport, retail, schools, public houses and community facilities. Our **housing will be for people who want to live permanently in the area**, with an appropriate proportion available for rent for those **who cannot afford to buy** on the open market. **Sustainable economic development** will enhance our local **employment opportunities** and our **skills base**. We will support proposals for **agricultural diversification and tourism development** which matches the above principles. We will encourage all development to **maintain and enhance** the natural and built environment, its **heritage and landscape assets**.”

Do you agree with this Vision? How could it be changed?

What issues are most important to you – what would you like to change about the area you live in – what would you like to stay the same?

Objective 1: Sustainable Communities



Norham and Islandshire will consist of **sustainable communities which are socially and demographically diverse**. Development that takes place here, will be of a type and in a place which **enhances and supports local infrastructure –**

Do you agree with this objective? Please say why:

What local infrastructure do we need to support? Please give specific examples if you can. (For example, public transport, retail, open spaces, schools, public houses and community facilities).

Which Green Spaces and Community Facilities in and around the area are most special to you, and why? (Please include recreational areas, areas you value as a place to walk/play etc.)

What more could we do to support community facilities and infrastructure in your area? Please give specific examples if you can.

Which community facilities do you value most in your area? Please give specific examples.

Objective 2: Housing



“Our housing will be for people who want to live permanently in the area, with an appropriate proportion available for rent for those who cannot afford to buy on the open market”.

Do you agree with this objective? Why?

What do you think are the main issues in relation to housing provision in your area? Please be specific.

Should we encourage more housing?

If yes, what kind of housing do we need? Please be specific.

Where should we be providing new housing. Please feel free to mention specific sites.

Objective 3: Our Economy



Sustainable economic development will enhance our local **employment opportunities** and our **skills base**. We will support proposals for **agricultural diversification and tourism development** which do not detract from the special character of the area.

Do you support this objective? Why?

What kinds of planning policies could we have to encourage local employment opportunities?

What do you think we could do to support local businesses in the area?

Do you have other ideas? Please be as specific as you can.

Objective 4: Our environment



We will encourage all development to **maintain and enhance** the natural and built environment, its **heritage** and **landscape** assets.

Do you agree with this objective? Why?

What do you most value about the natural environment? Please be specific.

What do you most value about the built environment? Please be specific.

What do you think our most important landscapes are?

What do you think is most important about our heritage and historic environment?