

## Statement of Consultation and Conformity

Produced to meet the requirements of Regulation 28: Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004.

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## **1 Introduction**

1.1 In accordance with Regulation 28 (c) and (d) of the The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004, this statement describes the participation and consultation that has been undertaken as part of the production of the Draft Area Action Plan (DAAP), the main issues raised in those consultations, and how these have been addressed in the DAAP.

1.2 The DAAP sets out area-wide policies and land use allocations for the Walker Riverside area, which support a long term programme of regeneration and Housing Market Renewal. A detailed overview of the process of production of the DAAP, which spans the introduction of the 2004 regulations, is provided in appendix 4 of the DAAP.

1.3 There have been 2 stages of consultation:

1. Informal Issues and Options Consultation (under Regulation 25)
2. Formal Preferred Options Report Consultation (under Regulation 26)

1.4 Planned consultation:

Representations will be invited within a period of six weeks on the Submission Draft AAP (under Regulation 28)

## **2 Consultation on Issues and Options**

2.1 Part c of regulation 28 of the Town and Country Planning Act (England) (2004) requires that a statement setting out the following should accompany documents submitted to the Secretary of State:

1. Which bodies have been consulted pursuant to regulation 25 (Issues and Options stage).
2. how these bodies, and any other persons whom the authority have consulted, were consulted.
3. A summary of the main issues raised in those consultations
4. How those main issues have been addressed in the DPD

This statement provides the information required to satisfy part c of regulation 28 in respect of the submission to the Secretary of State of the Draft Walker Riverside Area Action Plan DPD.

2.2 Which bodies were consulted?

There were three stages of Issues and Options consultation. The bodies consulted are listed below under each of these stages:

2.3 Walker Riverside Draft Masterplan: consultation with stakeholder organisations pursuant to regulation 25 (excluding businesses):

<b>GROUP</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
Government Office North East (GONE)	<b>29.8.02</b> AM and MC met with Jonathon Blackie <b>21.10.02</b> joint meeting with NCC, PFP, GONE, RDA and Housing Corporation <b>8.4.03</b> Letter sent with copy of R3 newsletter
One North East (RDA)	<b>1.10.02</b> AM and MC met with Brian Ham <b>21.10.02</b> joint meeting with NCC, PFP, GONE, RDA and Housing Corporation <b>8.4.03</b> Letter sent with copy of R3 newsletter
Housing Corporation	<b>21.10.02</b> joint meeting with NCC, PFP, GONE, RDA and Housing Corporation. <b>11.12.02</b> NS and AM meeting with Lindsay Greenwood <b>4.4.03</b> AM met with Lindsey Greenwood <b>12.6.03</b> – AM met with Julie Jacques 24.9.03 – AM met with Lindsey Greenwood 5.10.03 – AM met with Hsg Corp and E5
English Partnerships	<b>20..2.03</b> at meeting re Allotment site  <b>16.5.03</b> – AM to meet Mike Buczynfkyj 24.10.03 – AM/IG met with Donal Urqhart 27.11.03 – AM/IG met with Donald Urqhart
Newcastle Primary Care Trust	<b>5.12.02</b> AM sent letter with exec DFP summary <b>4.2.03</b> Briefing Session with AM and NW attended by Aileen Fitzgerald, Bob Smith, Mike Slavin and Harold Norcott (Community Action for Health) <b>8.4.03</b> – Letter sent with R3 Newsletter <b>13.5.03</b> AM and NW to do briefing session with Aileen Fitzgerald, Mike Slavin and Iain Kitt at PCT
Newcastle Education Authority	<b>5.12.02</b> AM sent letter with exec DFP summary <b>20.1.03</b> Education Working Group <b>16.4.03</b> Education Working Group to discuss school places 16.5.03 – Education Meeting with AG 30.9.03 – AM at Headteachers meeting Welbeck 23.10.03 – AM at Education meeting Tyne View Primary 3.11.03 – AM at Head Teachers meeting
Job Centre Plus	<b>9.7.03 and 16.7.03</b> – meetings with SM and DH
Business Link Tyne and Wear	<b>24.7.03</b> – SM meeting with JT
South Tyneside College	<b>5.9.03</b> – SM to meet Pauline Peddington
Newcastle College	<b>5.9.03</b> – SM met Jackie Fisher
Newcastle Partnership	<b>13.8.03</b> SM and AM meeting with AR
Wharrier St Primary School	<b>5.12.02</b> AM sent letter with exec DFP summary <b>8.4.03</b> AM sent letter with R3 newsletter
West Walker Primary School	<b>5.12.02</b> AM sent letter with exec DFP summary <b>8.4.03</b> AM sent letter with R3 newsletter
Tyne View Primary School	<b>5.12.02</b> AM sent letter with exec DFP summary <b>8.4.03</b> AM sent letter with R3 newsletter
St Anthony Primary School	<b>5.12.02</b> AM sent letter with exec DFP summary <b>8.4.03</b> AM sent letter with R3 newsletter

Welbeck Primary School	<b>5.12.02</b> AM sent letter with exec DFP summary <b>8.4.03</b> AM sent letter with R3 newsletter
Walker Comprehensive School	<b>5.12.02</b> AM sent letter with exec DFP summary <b>20.1.03</b> NW and Angie Gibson met with Dr Broady <b>21.3.03</b> Exhibition at school of R3 Exhibition Boards <b>8.4.03</b> AM sent letter with R3 newsletter
St Vincents School	<b>5.12.02</b> AM sent letter with exec DFP summary <b>8.4.03</b> AM sent letter with R3 newsletter
Nexus	<b>5.9.02</b> RH met with RHolland discussed potential transport options for Walker <b>8.4.03</b> – passed to Rob Hickman for update
Learning and Skills Council	<b>31.1.03</b> AM sent letter asking for an appointment <b>8.4.03</b> – Nick Smales to arrange appointment <b>24.7.03</b> – SM to meet JM
Connexions Tyne and Wear	<b>5.12.02</b> AM sent letter with exec DFP summary <b>8.4.03</b> AM sent letter with R3 newsletter
Chamber of Commerce	<b>5.12.02</b> AM sent letter with exec DFP summary <b>8.4.03</b> AM sent letter with R3 newsletter
Newcastle East End Partnership	<b>5.12.02</b> AM sent letter with exec DFP summary <b>8.4.03</b> AM sent letter with R3 newsletter
Enterprise 5 Housing Association	<b>3.12.02</b> AM <b>3.2.03</b> AM/KL met <b>8.4.03</b> AM/KL to meet <b>23.5.03</b> AM/KL met <b>13.6.03</b> AM/KL met 2.9.03 – AM/KL met 5.10.03 – Hsg Corp & E5 mtg 5.11.03 – AM/KL met 12.11.03 – AM met with E Gill
Cheviot Housing Association	<b>17.1.03</b> AM had meeting <b>17,6.03</b> AM met Tony Grainger and John Johnson
Newcastle and Whitley Housing Association	9.12.02 AM had meeting <b>28.4.03</b> AM to meet with Douglas Taylor 21.10.03 – AM met with Douglas Taylor
Home Housing Group	<b>5.2.03</b> AM had meeting <b>20.5.03</b> AM met with Stuart Tagg and HO
Haven (Tyneside) Ltd	<b>24.4.03</b> AM met at PB with Margaret Graham
Stoneham HA	<b>27.5.03</b> – AM met with Lisa Lowerson 20.10.03 – AM met with Chris Sheratt
Salvation Army	<b>5.12.02</b> AM sent letter with exec DFP summary <b>8.4.03</b> AM sent letter with R3 newsletter
St Anthonys Health Centre	<b>29.1.03</b> AM sent letter with exec DFP summary <b>8.4.03</b> AM sent letter with R3 newsletter
Sure Start Newcastle East	<b>5.12.02</b> AM sent letter with exec DFP summary <b>8.4.03</b> AM sent letter with R3 newsletter
St Antonys Childrens	<b>5.12.02</b> AM sent letter with exec DFP summary

House	<b>8.4.03</b> AM sent letter with R3 newsletter
Northumberland & Tyne & Wear Strategic HA	<b>5.12.02</b> AM sent letter with exec DFP summary <b>8.4.03</b> AM sent letter with R3 newsletter
Northumbria Police	<b>5.12.02</b> AM sent letter with exec DFP summary <b>27.2.03</b> – Police Briefing session at Clifford St <b>8.4.03</b> AM sent letter with R3 newsletter <b>29.4.03</b> – AM/NW Marcus Hall, Michelle Groche, Aidan Sloan, Keith Tunnicliffe, Paul Corrigan
Federation of Small Businesses	<b>14.2.03</b> AM and NS to meet with Jill Holden <b>8.4.03</b> – NS to arrange another meeting
Port of Tyne Authority	<b>8.4.03</b> – referred to Rob Hickman
Transco	No contact yet made, to be discussed with MC what are key issues <b>8.4.03</b> – referred to Rob Hickman
Stagecoach	RH met with Transport Working Group on 17.1.03 <b>8.4.03</b> – referred to Rob Hickman

#### 2.4 Community Enquiry by Design: consultation with stakeholder organisations pursuant to regulation 25

Title	Area
<b>Community and Voluntary Organisations</b>	
	KIDS KABIN
	LIGHTFOOT STAFF
	LIGHTFOOT STAFF
	ST ANTHONYS C OF E
	BELMONT METHODIST CHURCH
	ST ANTHONYS OF EGYPT
	UMTP
	ST ANTH'S CHILDRENS HOUSE
	RATHBONE TRAINING
	EAASSG
	CFT
	THOMAS GAUGHAN
	LIGHFOOT JUDO CLUB
	LIGHTFOOT JUDO CLUB
	HEATON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
	BELMONT METHODIST CHURCH
	MONKCHESTER & WALKER PARTNERSHIP
	MONKCHESTER & WALKER PARTNERSHIP
<b>Agencies</b>	
	FRIENDS OF THE EARTH
	CABE
	PRIVATE RENTED PROJECT
	HOUSING CORPORATION
	JEBB METALS
	OUSEBURN TRUST
	GONE

	EP
	NECC
	HOME HOUSING
	EP
	NCLE & WHITLEY
	ONE NORTH EAST
	EP
	NORTHUMBERLAND WILDLIFE TRUST
	HOME HOUSING
	WESTNEW MANAGEMENT
	ST ANTH HEALTH CENTRE
	PRIVATE RENTED PROJECT
	NORTHUMBRIA POLICE
	CABE
	TENANTS FED
	TENANTS FED
	CHEVIOT HOUSING
	MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
	NORTHERN ARCHITECTURE

2.5 Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report: Consultation pursuant to regulation 25

**Name of Organisation**

[www.walker-riverside.net](http://www.walker-riverside.net)

- Government Office North East (Gone)
- One North East (RDA)
- Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission
- Countryside Agency
- Strategic Rail Authority
- English Nature
- English Heritage
- Environment Agency
- North Tyneside Borough Council
- Wildlife Trust
- RSPB
- Housing Corporation
- English Partnerships
- Newcastle Primary Care Trust
- Newcastle Education Authority
- Newcastle Partnership
- Nexus
- Northumberland & Tyne & Wear Strategic HA
- Port of Tyne Authority
- Walker & Riverside Community Network

2.6 Summary of Specific Consultation Bodies engaged under regulation 25:

<b>Specific Body</b>	<b>Method of engagement</b>
Government Office North East	Masterplan, Community Enquiry, Scoping report
ONE North East	Masterplan, Community Enquiry, Scoping report
The Countryside Agency	Scoping report
The Environment Agency	Scoping report
English Heritage	Scoping report
English Nature	Scoping report
The Strategic Rail Authority	Scoping report (NEXUS engaged in Masterplan consultation)
The Highways Agency	Consultation run concurrently with Preferred Options Report (Reg 27) stage
Gateshead Borough Council	Scoping report
Northumberland County Council	Scoping report
North Tyneside Borough Council	Scoping report
British Telecom	Consultation run concurrently with Preferred Options Report (Reg 27) stage
Hutchison 3G	Consultation run concurrently with Preferred Options Report (Reg 27) stage
Vodafone	Consultation run concurrently with Preferred Options Report (Reg 27) stage
T-Mobile	Consultation run concurrently with Preferred Options Report (Reg 27) stage
National Grid Transco	Consultation run concurrently with Preferred Options Report (Reg 27) stage
Northumberland Tyne and Wear Strategic Health Authority	Masterplan consultation
Northumbrian Water Ltd	Consultation run concurrently with Preferred Options Report (Reg 27) stage
British Gas	Consultation run concurrently with Preferred Options Report (Reg 27) stage

2.7 How were these bodies, and others, consulted?

Newcastle City Council identified Walker Riverside as an area in need of regeneration in 2000. The community was engaged in the development of the Walker Riverside Masterplan in the autumn of 2002 and spring of 2003. Details of the groups and organisations involved

and the events held are supplied in the Masterplan's Statement of Community Involvement, which is a background document to the Draft Area Action Plan. Details of the exact dates and times when stakeholders were engaged in this process is included as appendix 1 to the Statement of Community Involvement.

2.7 From 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> November 2004 the Draft Masterplan, which had been produced from the consultation outlined above, was subjected to a Community Enquiry by Design at the Lightfoot Centre, Walker. This was a community scrutiny process but was also a forum for generating additional ideas for the way that the new development proposed in the Draft Masterplan could be delivered and how review areas could be treated. These ideas were used to develop the options in the Preferred Options Report 'Walker Riverside: Decisions'. Two reports catalogue the work done at the Community Enquiry. These are the Community Enquiry Final Report and the Community Enquiry Book of Plans, both of which are background documents to the Draft Area Action Plan.

2.8 In addition to the Draft Masterplan and Community Enquiry work, consultation took place on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report in May 2005. This included a break down of options under discussion at the time (piecemeal regeneration, minimal action, masterplan, community enquiry and radical options (paragraph 1.3.3)). Statutory and relevant consultees were sent copies of the scoping report and their responses are detailed in the Final Sustainability Report. An informal presentation was given to members of the Walker and Riverside Community Network and a questionnaire given out for representatives to discuss with their respective residents associations. No responses were received.

2.9 More detail on the evolution of the Draft Area Action Plan proposals is provided in appendix 4 of the Draft Area Action Plan. The outcome of the Issues and Options stage consultation was used to develop the Preferred Options Report '*Walker Riverside: Decisions*'. This is a set of documents for each of seven neighbourhoods, as well as a main document, a sustainability appraisal and a Walker Riverside Promise offering information on how development and relocations would be carried out.

### **3 Consultation on the Preferred Options Report**

3.1 Part d of regulation 28 of the Town and Country Planning Act (England) (2004) requires that a statement setting out the following should accompany documents submitted to the Secretary of State:

1. If representations were made under regulation 27 (Preferred Options stage).
2. The number of representations made
3. A summary of the main issues raised in those consultations
4. How those main issues have been addressed in the DPD

This statement provides the information required to satisfy part d of regulation 28 in respect of the submission to the Secretary of State of the Draft Walker Riverside Area Action Plan DPD.

### 3.2 Consultee bodies engaged

Consultee bodies were engaged by a formal process of sending out letters at the Preferred Options Report stage. There are three lists of consultees below. The first list includes the specific consultation bodies as laid out in the regulations. All these organisations received sets of the pre-submission documents. The second list identifies other stakeholder bodies felt relevant and also consulted by letter. The third section identifies local community organisations felt relevant and written to to make them aware of the consultation.

### 3.3 Specific Consultation Bodies

- North East Assembly
- Gateshead Council
- North Tyneside Council
- South Tyneside Council
- Castle Morpeth Borough Council
- Northumberland County Council
- Countryside Agency
- Environment Agency Northumbria Area
- Highways Agency
- English Nature Northumbria Team
- Strategic Rail Authority
- One NorthEast
- British Telecom
- National Grid
- Hutchison 3G UK Ltd
- Vodafone
- T Mobile
- National Grid Transco Plc
- British Gas
- Northumberland, Tyne and Wear Strategic Health Authority
- Northern Gas Networks Ltd
- Northumbrian Water Ltd
- Government Office for the North East
- English Heritage
- Planning Inspectorate

### 3.4 Other relevant stakeholders

- Sport England
- Coal Authority
- Network Rail
- Port of Tyne Authority
- Northumbria Police

Age Concern Newcastle  
North East Chamber of Commerce  
Nexus  
Road Haulage Association - Northern  
Region  
Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service  
Housing Corporation  
English Partnerships  
Twentieth Century Society  
Friends Of The Earth - North East  
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds  
NE Housing Board  
National Playing Fields Association  
Disability Rights Commission  
Commission for Racial Equality  
Help the Aged  
North East Sport  
Tyne Bykes  
Disability North  
National Institute for the Blind  
Sustainable Development Commission  
Chairman of Regional Board for North East  
RTPI Northern Branch  
Institute of Civil Engineers  
Planning Aid North  
Director of Estates  
Sustrans  
Bridleway and Riders Action Group  
Newcastle Society for Blind People

### 3.5 Relevant Local Community Organisations

1st Newcastle Brownies  
1st Newcastle Guides  
56th Newcastle Brownies  
88th Newcastle Girl Guides  
Antonian Womens' Guild  
Christ Church Hall  
Church Street Community Housing Association  
East Area Asylum Seekers Support Group c/o  
Partnership Building  
Friends of Byker School c/o George Allison  
Community Centre  
Friends of St. Albans  
Friends of St. Anthony's School  
Friends of St. Vincents  
Friends of Walker Park Playcentre  
Friends of Walker School  
Friends of Walkergate Primary School  
Friends of Wharrier Street(Wharrier St. Primary  
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Hexham Avenue Area Residents  
Lancefield Avenue Residents  
Losh Terrace Residents  
Oval Residents Association  
Parents and Friends of Welbeck School  
St. Anthony's House Tenants Association  
Walker Central F.C.  
Walker Community Credit Union  
Walker Road Permanent Allotments

3.6 How many representations were made?

The Consultation Feedback Report parts 1 and 2 detail the representations that were made.

- 815 reply forms were received from 560 individuals (there were eight different reply forms)
- 12 group representations were received from twelve outreach sessions that were organised. 99 people contributed to these.
- 5 group representations were received from five focus groups that were run. 84 people contributed to these.
- 5 letters were received from residents, 5 from residents associations and 7 party political representations were received. 12 representations were received from specific and relevant consultee organisations.

3.7 Summary of the main issues raised in those consultations

The Consultation Feedback Report, which is a background document to the Draft Area Action Plan contains a full summary of the issues raised. The majority of issues raised were in direct response to the options that were put forward, indicating that these were broadly representative of the issues of most concern to the community. Qualitative comments were summarised and listed underneath quantitative responses and drawn on in the process of making recommendations to the Executive of the Council.

3.8 How those main issues have been addressed in the DPD

The report to the Planning and Transportation Strategy Committee of the Council on 15 December 2005 (background document to the Draft Area Action Plan) presented the Consultation Feedback Report and made recommendations on which sites and policies to take forward into the Draft Area Action Plan. Following approval of this report, feedback was sent out responding to the individual issues raised by all those who had commented by letter or at a focus group. This feedback is available on the internet at [www.newcastle.gov.uk/ldf](http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/ldf) where it has not been possible to respond to these comments by including a specific policy in the Draft Area Action Plan, as has been suggested in places, comments have been taken on board in other planning documents including the emerging Core Strategy, the Walker Riverside Industrial

Area SPD and the Walker Riverside Design Code SPD. Details of where this has happened are available on request. Those who responded by reply form were sent out a copy of the Walker Eye newsletter detailing how their views had been taken into account.