

Issue	Raised by	Recommendation	Actions Proposed by Officers
Make the area more attractive.	Rathbone's Entry to Employment Group	Noted.	
Increased resources for community and voluntary organisations, like Common Ground, to continue and expand their work with the community.	Asylum seekers and refugees, Common Ground		A policy statement will be included in the Draft Area Action Plan encouraging the provision of a 'multi-cultural cluster' in Churchwalk, with new shopping, hot food retail and housing uses that meet the needs of refugees and enable the community to tap into their skills and experience. A policy statement for the Community Focus area will state that planning applications should explicitly make reference to how they have had regard to the needs of refugees.
More community facilities	Food Coop group, Walker Young people, Greater Walker Community Trust, Childcare Group		Regeneration team to investigate the use of Local Area Agreements to involve the community and voluntary sector in the delivery of new services.
Community centres and shops should be kept separate as young people tend to hang around in shopping area.	Food Coop Group	This detail will be tackled within the Community Focus Supplementary Planning Document.	
We need public toilets.	Walker Young People	Noted.	
More facilities for young people	Childcare group, NCH Parents Group, Rathbone's Entry to Employment Group, Young People, Older People, Young		A policy statement will be included in the Draft Area Action Plan supporting remodelling of the Lightfoot Centre to improve it

	Parents, Sure Start Young Parents Group at Walker Playhut, YMCA Detached Youth Project, Common Ground, Greater Walker Community Trust Monday Club, Food Coop Group		<p>for a wider range of community uses.</p> <p>The regeneration team will seek to encourage greater youth focus through financial incentives.</p> <p>The regeneration team will consider the use of teen shelters in appropriate locations through open space management and improvement plans.</p>
The Lightfoot must be kept as a community facility.	Sure Start Young Parents Group	It is proposed that the Lightfoot will retain its sports/ community use.	
Future of the Lightfoot Centre: There should be a good football pitch.	Rathbone's Entry to Employment Group, Walker Young People		A policy supporting the provision of an omniturf pitch together with new junior football pitches will be included within the Draft Area Action Plan.
New or improved open space must be managed and supervised if possible.	NCH Parents Group		Issues of management of open spaces will be dealt with as part of improvements to be made. A policy statement will be included in the Draft Area Action Plan.
A new 5 aside pitch or pitches to be built on open spaces eg. Harbottle Park.	Walker Young People	The Newcastle Playing Pitch Strategy identifies a need to retain the full size pitches at Harbottle Park to serve Byker and Walker.	Regeneration team to investigate the possibility of additional 5 a side pitch/es at Harbottle Park. Draft Area Action Plan to include a phasing policy setting out

			when improvements are likely to happen.
Safe play areas for younger children are needed.	Food Coop Group		A policy statement will be included in the Draft Area Action Plan requiring the creation of play areas in appropriate locations.
Parking problems could be a huge issue in the proposed Community Focus area with the school, shops and other community facilities all needing parking provision.	Food Coop Group	Parking and access issues will be looked at in more detail within the Community Focus Supplementary Planning Document.	A policy statement will be included in the Draft Area Action Plan requiring shared parking wherever possible in the Community Focus area.
A pool there (at the Lightfoot) could link to the existing sports facilities and would be more convenient for the local schools	Sure Start Young Parents Group at Walker Playhut, New Neighbours Group		Policy statement to be included in Draft Area Action Plan supporting the in-principle development of a swimming pool within the refurbishment of the Lightfoot Centre or the Community Focus, should a convincing case for continued financial viability be submitted.
New leisure centre	Walker Young People		<p>A policy statement will be included in the Draft Area Action Plan to encourage physical changes to link the Lightfoot closely with the new Community Focus.</p> <p>The regeneration team will seek to encourage greater youth focus through financial incentives.</p>

<p>The Thomas Gaughan should remain on its own site as the location is very convenient, the outlook is more attractive and parking is easy.</p>	<p>Food Coop Group</p>	<p>Negotiations will take place with the community during the production of a Supplementary Planning Document for the Community Focus area to ensure that new service buildings are fully accessible to the community at Pottery Bank.</p>	

Community Focus

Issue	Raised by	Recommendation	Actions Proposed by Officers
<p>Its suggested that a library is considered in this area too – Walker Library is some distance from the area south of Walker Road in particular.</p>	<p>New Neighbours Group</p>		<p>Draft Area Action Plan to include a library within a list of suitable uses for the Community Focus local centre.</p> <p>Regeneration team to progress further work with the Education and Libraries service to identify whether a new library would be feasible within the Community Focus.</p>
<p>Support for new shops at Community Focus.</p>	<p>Common Ground, Sure Start Young Parents Group, Childcare Group, Food Coop Group, Rathbone's Entry to Employment Group, YMCA Detached Youth Project, Walker Young People, Young Parents, Greater Walker Community Trust Monday Club, Asylum seekers and refugees, older People, Walker Wanderers</p>		<p>A policy statement will be included in the Draft Area Action Plan identifying the Community Focus area for a new local shopping centre.</p>
<p>Consideration must be given to the needs of disabled residents both in their housing needs and their use of community facilities.</p>	<p>Common Ground, Greater Walker Community Trust Monday Club</p>		<p>Policies requiring lifetime homes standards and ensuring sheltered housing and appropriate housing for young people is provided will be included in the Draft Area Action Plan.</p>

Employment and Training

Issue	Raised by	Recommendation	Actions Proposed by Officers
<p>More appropriate / accessible local job and training opportunities, including job experience and links to local businesses.</p>	<p>Childcare Group, Young people, New Neighbours Group, Walker Wanderers, YMCA Detached Youth Project, Food Coop Group, Rathbone's Entry to Employment Group</p>	<p>Regeneration team have received a commitment from developers to use local labour within construction.</p>	<p>A policy statement will be included in the Draft Area Action Plan outlining the location of a new training centre.</p> <p>Regeneration team to review the commitment to use of local labour and investigate development of training projects to support local people.</p>
<p>The need for more and better quality job opportunities in the area (even though asylum seekers themselves cannot work) to reduce the dependence on benefits generally and improve economic prospects for individuals and the area generally.</p>	<p>Asylum seekers and refugees</p>	<p>Employment opportunities are expected to increase at the Community Focus and the Industrial Area.</p>	

Housing

Issue	Raised by	Recommendation	Actions Proposed by Officers
A lot of the housing is in a poor state, especially elderly accommodation.	YMCA Detached Youth Project, Food Coop Group		Policies requiring lifetime homes standards and ensuring sheltered housing and appropriate housing for young people is provided will be included in the Draft Area Action Plan.
Much of the existing houses in the area are unsuitable for large families.	New Neighbours Group, NCH Parents Group		A policy statement will be included in the Draft Area Action Plan ensuring appropriate housing is provided for young families and that sheltered housing is provided.
Existing bungalows have design flaws and are too small.	Greater Walker Community Trust Monday Club	Noted. Your Homes Newcastle are carrying out a review of sheltered accommodation.	
Better housing will attract people to the area.	Rathbone's Entry to Employment Group, Childcare Group, NCH Parents Group, Young Parents, Older People, Food Coop Group, Walker Wanderers	Noted.	
Housing should be affordable.	Greater Walker Community Trust Monday Club, Food Coop Group		The Core Strategy provides for affordable housing across the city. A policy statement will be included within the Draft Area Action Plan that deals with continued long term provision for vulnerable households and

			asylum seeker households.
There is a concern that the rents will go up when the area is improved.	Childcare Group	Rents within the social rented sector are set by the Housing Corporations regulatory code and guidance. There is an ongoing process of converging rents charged by housing associations, arms length rented and local authority rented organisations with a target of having the same rents by 2010.	
Enough housing for rent.	Food Coop Group	There will be no net loss of social rented housing as a result of the regeneration and the Area Action Plan.	
Tenants should take more responsibility for their properties and the introduction of stricter tenancies may help this, among other things.	NCH Parents Group, Childcare Group		Regeneration team to work with partners to ensure tenancy conditions are enforced across the board.
Single people always get offered flats; where would they go if the number of flats were reduced?	YMCA Detached Youth Project		Policy on house types and provision for the housing, house types and community needs of vulnerable groups to be included in the Draft Area Action Plan.
The housing needs of young people need to be addressed – they are given low priority and seem particularly disadvantaged if they have families nearby who can accommodate them – they are often desperate for their	Sure Start Young Parents Group at Walker Playhut, Food Coop Group, Childcare Group		Policies requiring lifetime homes standards and ensuring sheltered housing and appropriate housing for young people is provided will be included in the Draft Area Action Plan.

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Housing density is important – there are more problems of antisocial behaviour and crime when the housing is too dense	Older People, Food Coop Group	National guidance seeks to raise housing density while ensuring quality of development is maintained. To ensure this is done a Walker Riverside Design Code Supplementary Planning Document is being produced. Good design can result in both higher density living and a better living environment. Your comments will be taken account of in the production of the Design Code.	
A 'tenure blind' approach will not mask areas of existing social rented properties unless major refurbishment happens.	Common Ground		The Draft Area Action Plan will identify areas for improvement above decent homes standard to support the restructuring of the area.
Refurbishment of properties to DHS is taking too long.	Greater Walker Community Trust Monday Club	The programme of refurbishment is the responsibility of Your Homes Newcastle, who have set a programme up to 2010 to comply with government targets.	

Tower Blocks

Issue	Raised by	Recommendation	Actions Proposed by Officers
Tower Block s: There is a belief that the tower blocks create rough areas and are a breeding ground for trouble. Fewer tower blocks would be preferable but there was concern about where people would be re-housed.	Common Ground	On 8 th December 2005 there were 37 void flats in the 3 tower blocks on Dovercourt Road alone. Together with voids at the further 3 tower blocks at Churchwalk and St Anthony's House tower block, and combined with the currently high turnover rate, release of the equivalent of one tower block (90 units) to owner occupation should be achievable. Demolition of blocks will also be offset by the provision of additional social rented units of more conventional housing.	A policy statement will be added to the Draft Area Action Plan requiring tenure diversification in the tower blocks as a precursor to granting planning permission for improvements.
The tower blocks cause problems.	Walker Wanderers, YMCA Detached Youth Project	Noted.	
The tower blocks should be kept and done up.	YMCA Detached Youth Project	Noted.	
The retention of the tower block, St Anthony's House, would detract from the improvement of the area and its future should be seriously considered.	Young Parents, NCH Parents Group, NCH Parents Group	Noted.	

Areas within Walker Riverside

Issue	Raised by	Recommendation	Actions Proposed by Officers
Cambrian Dovercourt: Developing the area near the gas holder for housing would be a better use of this land but open space must be included in any development there.	Sure Start Young Parents Group at Walker Playhut		A policy statement will be added to the Draft Area Action Plan setting criteria in line with the Unitary Development Plan and the Green Spaces... Your Spaces Strategy for the provision of open space in new developments.
Cambrian Dovercourt: Replacing the Church Street flats for family houses was supported.	Sure Start Young Parents Group at Walker Playhut	Noted.	
Church Walk: There was great support for the refurbishment of the shopping centre but it was hoped that small shops could be encouraged into the area rather than big supermarkets.	Common Ground	Shop units in Churchwalk are likely to be small units of a similar size to those currently trading there. It is proposed that there is stabilisation of services in Churchwalk with no fewer units as a result of redevelopment.	<p>A policy statement will be included in the Draft Area Action Plan allowing for a range of retail unit sizes in the Community Focus to accommodate smaller local businesses as well as a small superstore sized unit.</p> <p>Regeneration team to consider reserving a proportion of new shop units for independent and locally based businesses.</p>
Losh Terrace: Half the allotment space at Losh Terrace should be kept as allotments.	Sure Start Young Parents Group at Walker Playhut, Rathbone's Entry to Employment Group	The proposals for new housing and improved allotments/ green spaces have been removed from the Draft Area Action Plan.	

Open Space Environment

Issue	Raised by	Recommendation	Actions Proposed by Officers
<p>Cycle paths should be developed in the area – proposals to build a cycle path were discussed sometime ago but nothing seemed to come of it.</p>	<p>Greater Walker Community Trust Monday Club, Walker Wanderers</p>		<p>The Design Code will set out cycle provision.</p> <p>A policy statement will be added to the Draft Area Action Plan requiring secure cycle storage in key public destinations.</p>
<p>Improvements to the environment to make the area look cleaner and more attractive; the development of local open spaces / play areas which are safe for children, on-site management of open spaces (i.e. park wardens), and opening up access to the river.</p>	<p>Older People</p>	<p>All of these will be taken forward into the Draft Area Action Plan.</p>	<p>Regeneration team to take forward these improvements to open space through open space improvement plans.</p>
<p>Planting more trees should be considered.</p>	<p>Greater Walker Community Trust Monday Club</p>	<p>Noted. This will be considered by the regeneration team through open space improvement plans. The Walker Riverside Design Code Supplementary Planning Document proposes to introduce new trees to Walker Road and is due to go out for community consultation in April.</p>	
<p>The allocation of open spaces throughout the area should be fairer. Support for local pocket parks.</p>	<p>Walker Wanderers, Greater Walker Community Trust Monday Club, Sure Start Young Parents Group at Walker Playhut</p>		<p>A policy statement will be added to the Draft Area Action Plan setting criteria in line with the Unitary Development Plan and the Green Spaces... Your Spaces Strategy for the</p>

			provision of open space in new developments.
Open spaces need to be better maintained and safer for people to use.	New Neighbours Group, Childcare Group, YMCA Detached Youth Project, Walker Young People		Issues of management of open spaces will be dealt with as part of improvements to be made. A policy statement will be included in the Draft Area Action Plan.

Safety

Issue	Raised by	Recommendation	Actions Proposed by Officers
Comments around young people, anti-social behaviour and vandalism and measures to make the area feel and look safer, including more police, better street lighting, and more visible street wardens, relations between the police and young people are poor.	Greater Walker Community Trust Monday Club, NCH Parents Group, Young People, Older People, Rathbones Entry to Employment Group, Childcare Group, YMCA Detached Youth Project	The Draft Area Action Plan cannot deal with service delivery issues not related to land use but can ensure new development addresses these problems.	A policy statement will be added to the Draft Area Action Plan supporting designs that encourage overlooking of the road from living rooms and kitchens and incorporate secure by design features to improve the safety of the community.
The lighting in Walker Park should be improved to make people feel safer.	New Neighbours Group, Walker Wanderers, Greater Walker Community Trust Monday Club	The Walker Riverside Design Code will set out improvements to Walker Road. It will be consulted on in April for six weeks. A private finance initiative project is currently rolling out new street lights across the area.	

Riverside Area

Issue	Raised by	Recommendation	Actions Proposed by Officers
Opening up the riverside for local people, managing new and existing open spaces and developing local play areas for children. The river is very underused at the moment, mainly because people cannot see it or get to it easily and it would make a huge difference to the area if the river was more part of it.	Food Coop Group, Greater Walker Community Trust Monday Club, New Neighbours Group, Walker Wanderers, asylum seekers and refugees		A policy statement will be included within the Draft Area Action Plan encouraging more activity in Riverside Park and citing a river bus as an example.
The walk past the gas holder must be preserved if that area is developed as it is very popular.	Sure Start Young Parents Group at Walker Playhut	Green corridors will be included in the Draft Area Action Plan as set out in the Preferred Options report. One of these incorporates the footpath leading past the gas holder. Hadrians Way will be protected.	

Schools

Issue	Raised by	Recommendation	Actions Proposed by Officers
A move closer to the Lightfoot Dome would be beneficial for the school as it would mean access to a greater range of facilities.	NCH Parents Group	Noted.	
St Anthony's School is rooted in the community and a move may threaten that, but continuous community involvement in this proposed change may help this.	New Neighbours Group	Negotiations will take place with the community during the production of a Supplementary Planning Document for the Community Focus area to	

		ensure that new service buildings are fully accessible to the community at Pottery Bank.	
Tyneview and West Walker should be kept on the same sites as these sites are more convenient for people and mean more choice.	Sure Start Young Parents Group at Walker Playhut, YMCA Detached Youth Project, New Neighbours Group, YMCA Detached Youth Project, Sure Start Young Parents Group at Walker Playhut	Noted. A decision on schools sites has yet to be made.	
The future of schools in the area was an important consideration; with mixed views about whether to keep the schools as they are or merge them.	Young Parents	Noted. A decision on schools sites has yet to be made.	
Parking could be a real issue at both the proposed site on Lamb Street and the Community Focus area.	Sure Start Young Parents Group at Walker Playhut, Sure Start Young Parents Group at Walker Playhut.	Parking and access issues will be looked at in more detail within the Community Focus Supplementary Planning Document. A decision on schools sites has yet to be made.	A policy statement will be included in the Draft Area Action Plan requiring shared parking wherever possible in the Community Focus area.

Shops and Services

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A new access road through Church Walk is a very good idea as it is quite cut off at the moment.	Sure Start Young Parents Group at Walker Playhut	Noted.	

Social Issues

Issue	Raised by	Recommendation	Actions Proposed by Officers
<p>Location of NASS housing in a deprived community contributes to racial discrimination.</p>	<p>Common Ground</p>	<p>The City Council's Strategic Housing Service has highlighted that a new contract is currently being developed with NASS which will be a contract based upon services to clients rather than making a specific number of properties available; during the life of this project this new contract will be in operation and is a more flexible approach.</p>	
<p>The need for more language courses in the area, with crèche facilities, to meet the strong desire of most asylum seekers and refugees to learn English (which would aid integration as well as benefiting them as individuals).</p>	<p>Asylum seekers and refugees, Common Ground</p>	<p>A policy statement will be included in the Draft Area Action Plan encouraging the provision of a 'multi-cultural cluster' in Churchwalk, with new shopping, hot food retail and housing uses that meet the needs of refugees and enable the community to tap into their skills and experience. A policy statement for the Community Focus area will state that planning applications should explicitly make reference to how they have had regard to the needs of refugees.</p>	

Transport

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Improvements to the public transport system to provide good services on all routes, affordability and better customer care.	Walker Young People, YMCA Detached Youth Project, Older People, Food Coop Group, Rathbone's Entry to Employment Group	The Draft Area Action Plan cannot deal with service delivery issues not related to land use but can ensure new development addresses these problems. The regeneration team will seek to introduce public transport improvements.	Projected date/s of improvements to public transport to be included in the body text of the Draft Area Action Plan. Regeneration team will be responsible for delivery through funding plan with the assistance of finance from land receipts. Subject to need, allocation for a bus terminus will be included in the Draft Area Action Plan.
There should be a metro link in Walker.	Walker Young People	Noted. Government funding for new light rail links has been reduced across the country. The Walker Riverside Design Code is therefore setting out to include provision of an improved bus route along Walker Road. This will be consulted on in April.	

Young People

Issue	Raised by	Recommendation	Actions Proposed by Officers
To have a proper dirt track (bike) and skateboard park somewhere along the riverside (out of the way of peoples houses). A drop in centre for young people is needed.	Walker Young People	Young people's requests for activities are recognised and will be incorporated into open space improvement plans and plans for the refurbishment of the Lightfoot Centre.	
Positive and on-going involvement	Young People	Planning Aid is working in	

<p>of young people in plans for the future of the area as a whole and facilities / amenities for young people in particular.</p>		<p>Walker Riverside with a remit which includes engaging young people in the Community Focus Supplementary Planning Document. They can be contacted on 0191 222 5776. The community engagement team will also make contact with young people to engage them in future.</p>	
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