

# Public Document Pack

**Date of meeting** Thursday, 8th June, 2023  
**Time** 7.00 pm  
**Venue** Astley Room - Castle  
**Contact** Geoff Durham - 742222



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**BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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## Economy & Place Scrutiny Committee

### AGENDA

#### PART 1 – OPEN AGENDA

- 1 APOLOGIES
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
- 3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 3 - 8)  
To consider the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee.
- 4 UPDATE FROM CABINET
- 5 HS2 PROJECT UPDATE (Pages 9 - 20)
- 6 BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN UPDATE (Pages 21 - 32)
- 7 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING UPDATE (Pages 33 - 38)
- 8 FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND & TOWN DEAL (To Follow)
- 9 WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 39 - 42)
- 10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME  
Any member of the public wishing to submit a question must serve two clear days' notice, in writing, of any such question to the Borough Council.
- 11 URGENT BUSINESS  
To consider any business which is urgent within the meaning of Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

**Members:** Councillors Beeston, Bettley-Smith (Vice-Chair), Burnett-Faulkner, Edginton-Plunkett, Gorton, Grocott, Johnson, Moffat, Panter, Skelding and G White (Chair)

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## **Economy & Place Scrutiny Committee - 16/03/23**

In the absence of the Newcastle-under-Lyme BID representative the item was deferred to the next meeting.

Members expressed their disappointment and as it was the second time this happened despite invitations having been sent it was requested that any issues be resolved and that the report be circulated ahead of the meeting.

[Watch the debate here](#)

### **6. FUTURE HIGH STREETS FUND AND TOWN DEALS UPDATE**

The Executive Director for Growth and Development presented an update report on progress made on two key projects within the Future High Street Fund and Town Deal Programmes: the new Castle Multi Storey Car Park on Ryecroft and the redevelopment of York Place Shopping Centre.

Both have planning permissions and are due to be on site later in the year. They are independent projects but linked into a series of interventions which will drive significant regenerative benefits for the town with more to follow. The Executive Director went through costs involved, other anticipated sources of funding and financial risks.

York Place's tenants are being successfully moved to the High Street in readiness for the works.

The Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Town Centres and Growth expressed his support for the two projects – the current structures being outdated, not fit for modern times.

Questions were asked and responses were provided as follows:

- Did we know if any of the current occupants were intending to move back into York Place once the works would be completed? – At least one company had confirmed their intention to indeed move back.
- Would there be any reserved space in the car park for the staff of the Hotel and Aspire Housing? – There would be parking permits, along with the possibility to pay for single uses of the car park. Free parking wouldn't be allowed.
- Had any contingency money be planned to allow for potential changes to the works? – In the unlikely case that changes would be required contingency moneys had been included in the budget.
- Was the adequate communication in place with residents? – Indeed communication was part of the process.
- The car park being essential to attract people to York Place, were there any parking provisions for people not connected to it? – There would be a percentage given over to permits and another for paying customers; there would also be different uses at different times of the day.
- Have we got any timescales for developers to implement the new York Place and how are the car park maintenance costs going to be funded? – It will take

a year to start to rebuild York Place and the car park maintenance costs will be covered as part of the Council's capital programme.

- Can we be re-assured that procurement standards will be respected and that the focus will be on quality design for the selection of a development partner for York Place? – There will be a robust procurement process in place and feedback from residents will be sought.
- Can we have more information about timing, scheduling and making sure the contractors stay in business? – The demolition of York Place will be during the winter and the plan is to start to build in the spring and summer next year. It will be about a year and a half to build the new York Place. About the companies who will be undertaking the works these will have a national presence and guarantees of a good cash flow.
- Will the site be guarded during the works and will contractors be prevented to use or remove anything from the centre town? – Contractors won't be allowed to cross the road which is the County's property and therefore won't get anywhere near the other side of it.

**Resolved:** That members note the potential benefits of the proposals, the progress made and risks associated with delivery a major regeneration programme for Newcastle town centre.

[Watch the debate here](#)

## 7. **BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN**

The Strategic Planning Portfolio holder introduced the report on progress made with the Borough Local Plan and upcoming anticipated steps.

Issues were raised and responses were provided as follows:

- It was requested that the timetable be respected.
- Could the plan be shared with members before going public and could they be briefed on consultations? – The Council is following the standards set with previous consultations and there would be a member briefing prior to publication of the local plan, itself scheduled one week before the consultation.
- What could residents expect from the consultations? – There would be several avenues of communications including events, focus groups, workshops, leaflets and a consultation portal. Comments would be accepted in various forms.

**Resolved:** That members note the progress update provided on the Borough Local Plan.

[Watch the debate here](#)

## 8. **HOUSING PROVISION WORKING GROUP SET UP**

The Chair provided a verbal update on the Housing Task & Finish Working Group launching meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> March.

The working group is to look at social housing provisions in the borough and is composed of five members of which Cllr Hutchison (Chair), Cllr Bettley-Smith and Cllr Moffat (both Vice-Chairs), Cllr Grocott and Cllr Holland who all have different experiences and backgrounds.

The housing provisions are to be taken from the point of view of the housing providers, of which officers have been asked to provide a detailed list including both the quantity and type of property allocated such as flats, 2-3 bedroom houses, ground floor sheltered accommodations etc.

Once the information has been submitted, each provider will be asked to come to the working group and do a presentation. The use of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) scoring is being considered to assess for example how many issues reported to the housing providers were dealt with and how long it took as well as categories those issues belonged to – e.g. doors, joinery, plumbing etc. Data can then get scrutinized by the working group in each of these maintenance areas.

Other KPIs may look at when residents log a fault with the association: are they kept up to date, what happens at the initial contact and after the fault is fixed are they given a satisfaction survey to fill including questions such as were they happy with the time taken to resolve the issue, was the member of staff professional at all time, did they leave the area clean, tidy and ready to use and finally was the problem resolved.

KPI Scoring would be a great tool for monitoring success. Cllr Bettley-Smith having experience in both statistics and housing let could help other members of the working group to analyse the data at future meetings.

Officers have been asked to provide the initial report by April 4<sup>th</sup> in readiness for the next meeting of the working group scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Cllr Bettley-Smith commented that an evidence based methodology would be required and that social housing providers would need to be considered in relation to the maintenance of the properties when developing the work programme. Two things may become conflated: casework and the point of view of occupiers on one side and the need to develop a robust database against which the benchmark for example compares with other authorities.

Once the current position is established, the working group will be able to review the arrangements, in particular the maintenance and management of the let housing stock especially social housing.

The work programme can then be constructed, the overall objective being to seek improvement. The benchmark will need to give a representative sample of the whole. As some occupiers would not want to participate a proper methodology needs to be developed.

Cllr Bettley-Smith ended up by sharing the expectation that the working group reports would not come later than September.

**Resolved:** That the report be noted.

[Watch the debate here](#)

**9. WORK PROGRAMME**

The work programme was discussed.

Cllr Gorton suggested to invite representatives from First Bus and D&G Travel to the September meeting. Many Newcastle residents rely on bus services to travel to and from their places of work as well as for shopping and leisure purposes. Hearing of their operational plans could be of interest for scrutiny.

Cllr Grocott asked that for the HS2 update at the June meeting not to be too lengthy and for clarification to be provided about a recent statement suggesting that the Sports Centre was in a survival mode.

The Chair confirmed that suggestions would be forwarded to officers.

**Resolved:** That the work programme be received.

[Watch the debate here](#)

**10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**11. URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no urgent business.

**Cllr David Hutchison**

**Vice Chair**

Meeting concluded at 8.25 pm

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# HS2 Phase 2a

Thursday 8 June 2023



Victoria Roberts – Senior  
Community Engagement Manager  
Phase 2a

# Phase 2a update – Rephasing

- On 9 March 2023, the Government updated Parliament on its transport capital investment programme.
- **The Government has reaffirmed its commitment to delivering the railway between the West Midlands and Crewe (Phase 2a).**
- In line with direction from the Government, HS2 Ltd is rephasing construction of Phase 2a as the scheme is further developed.
- **The main civils works between the West Midlands and Crewe will be paused for 2 years**, alongside some of our preparatory work, while we rephase activity to align to a new programme.
- **We will be continuing with some vital preparatory works** already underway and with our land acquisition programme.



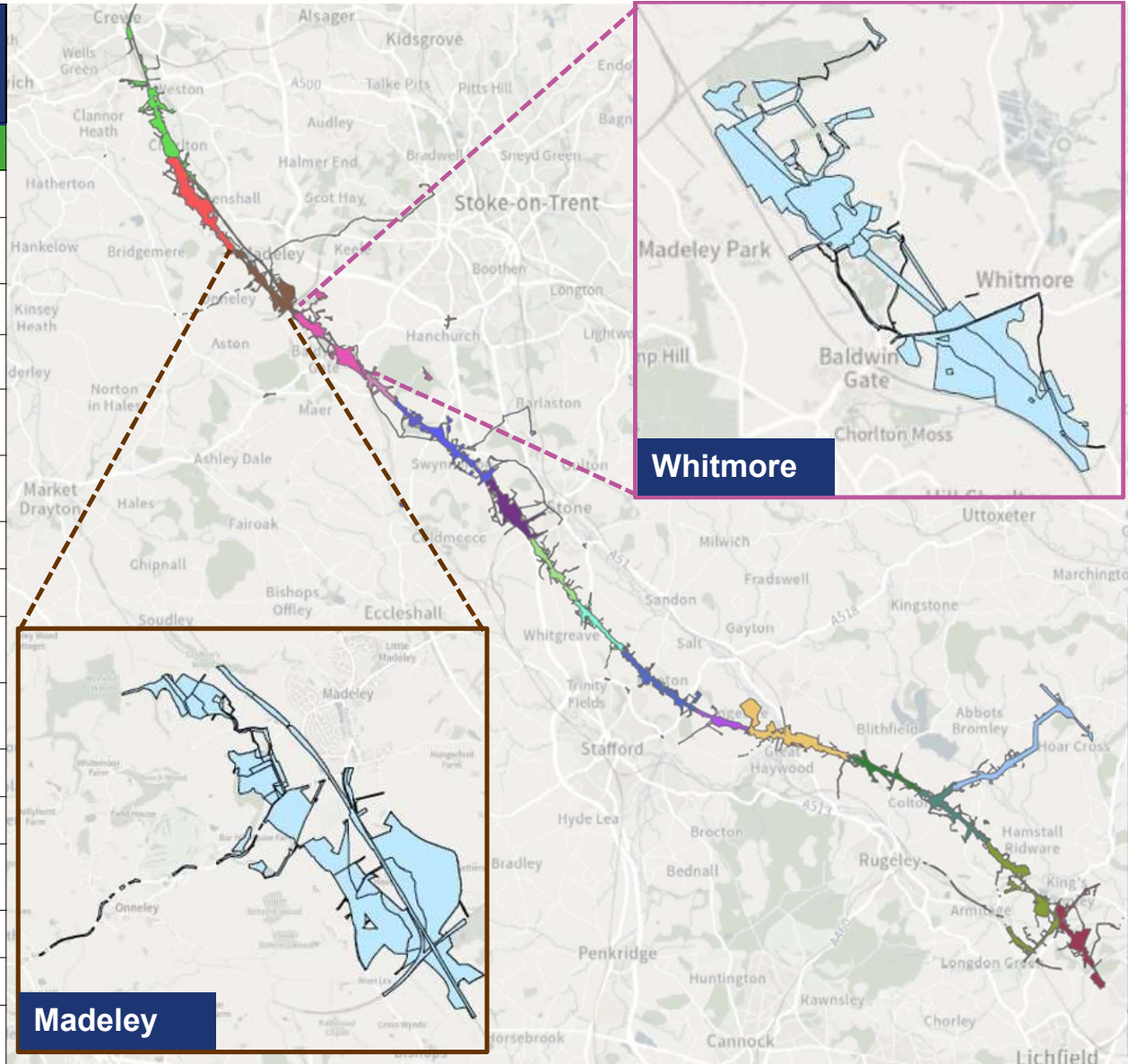
# Phase 2a update – Rephasing

Utility Diversions	Early Environment Works	Early Civils Work One: Hanchurch Interchange	Early Civils Work Two: Local road modifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tunnel Boring Machine power supply route optioneering ongoing.</li><li>• 3 live utility sites across Phase 2a to be completed, 2 will be demobilised and all others paused.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 11 EEW sites in borough</li><li>• 2 sites completed<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Between Onneley and Woore</li><li>- near Baldwins Gate</li></ul></li><li>• 8 sites paused and rephased to later in programme</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Design being taken forward to L3 certification by HS2 then paused.</li><li>• All surveys and construction has paused.</li><li>• Newcastle road residents contacted</li><li>• Balfour Beatty demobilised.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 21 sites across Phase 2a<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Blackbrook Jct (A51/A53)</li></ul></li><li>• All surveys, design development and construction has paused.</li><li>• Kier demobilised.</li></ul>

Land Possession programme ongoing

## Phase 2a Land Possession programme

Supershape	Possession Dates	
Stone	Jan-23	Nov-23
River Trent Viaduct	Feb-23	Aug-24
<b>Whitmore</b>	<b>Feb-23</b>	<b>April-25</b>
<b>Madeley</b>	<b>Mar-23</b>	<b>Oct-24</b>
Great Haywood	April-23	Sept-24
Swynnerton	May-23	Jan-26
Crewe	Jun-23	Jun-24
Yarlet	Jul-23	Dec-23
Brancote	Aug-23	Oct-24
Blithbury	Aug-23	Aug-24
Checkley	Sep-23	Feb-24
Hopton	Oct-23	Jan-24
Pyford	Dec-23	Jan-24
Marston	Jan-24	Jan-24
Moreton	Jan-24	Mar-24
Hatton	Mar-24	Jan-25



# Community and Business Funds

- £5 Million of Funds managed by independent charity Groundwork
- Applications remain open
- Guidance documents, FAQs are available at [www.hs2funds.org.uk](http://www.hs2funds.org.uk)

**0121 237 5880 or  
HS2funds@groundwork.org.uk**

## CEF Local

Smaller projects (max **£75,000**) which benefit individual communities.

## CEF Strategic

Larger projects (between **£75,001-£250,000**) which benefit multiple communities

## BLEF

**£10,000 - £75,000** for smaller scale, kick starters or...  
**£75,001 - £250,000** for longer term or larger scale enterprise.

# Local CEF awards

9 CEF local projects awarded across Phase 2a worth £302,599

## Madeley White Star Football

- £75,000 awarded
- The project is to **create a bespoke community and sports hub** which includes changing rooms, a café and a bar, as well as viewing boxes and an open patio area. The clubhouse will serve as a base for the Madeley White Star Football Club and also as a space for local community groups to use and meet.



# Skills, Employment & Education: Procurement Levers and Contractual Requirements

Apprenticeships



Further education support



Workless job starts



Schools engagement



Professional status achievement



Work placements



1 output per £3m contract value | 4% of workforce comprised of apprentices

# Job brokerage

At the heart of HS2's SEE goal has been the ambition to deliver a Job Brokerage model, which showcases the vacancies on the programme and make it easier for those from under-represented and disadvantaged groups to access the job opportunities that the HS2 Programme provides

**1600+** jobs have been posted on the Jobs Board since its launch





# HS2 Ltd education programmes

Inspiring the next generation, with a focus on diverse groups

- **STEM workshops.** Every year HS2 take our EPIC Engineers STEM workshop to 120 secondary schools, helping students to develop the skills that they need for a career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)
- **Education Ambassadors** from across HS2 supporting our education programmes
- **Young adults programme** in partnership with Women into Construction focused on disadvantaged groups
- **Online resources for schools.** <https://www.hs2.org.uk/jobs-and-skills/hs2-educational-programme/>
- **Work placements for SEND and Mainstream schools.** Working in partnership with the Social Mobility Foundation.



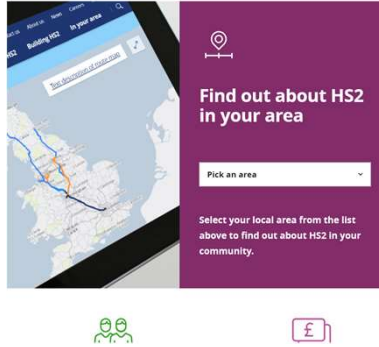
# Informing communities



Local engagement team



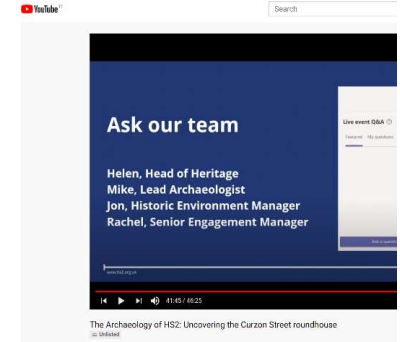
Notifications and newsletters



Community webpages



HS2inFocus webinars



Virtual 121s



Helpdesk



Stakeholder engagement



Information Events



Landowner engagement



School engagement



# Questions

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**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S  
REPORT TO**

**Economy Environment and Place Scrutiny Committee  
08 June 2023**

**Report Title:** Borough Local Plan Update

**Submitted by:** Deputy Chief Executive

**Portfolios:** Strategic Planning

**Ward(s) affected:** All Wards within the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme

**Purpose of the Report**

To update Economy, Environment and Place Scrutiny Committee on progress on the Local Plan.

**Recommendation**

That the Economy, Environment and Place Scrutiny Committee:

1. Note that a report has been considered by Cabinet on the 06 June with a recommendation to consult on the First Draft Local Plan (Regulation 18) from the 19 June until the 14 August 2023.

**Reasons**

To ensure that the process of adopting the Local Plan is undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

**1.0 Background**

- 1.1 The following report is similar in content to the Cabinet report of the 06 June 2023 and is included for information.
- 1.2 Local Plans are a statutory requirement set by the Government under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 which require Local Authorities to set out a local development plan for the area.
- 1.3 Once adopted the new Local Plan will provide a strategic approach to the delivery of a range of development types including market and affordable housing, employment, and supporting hard and soft infrastructure. Such development requirements will be balanced against the need to protect the built and natural environment, whilst also furthering the Council's response to the climate emergency declaration.
- 1.4 An initial consultation, on the Regulation 18 Issues and Strategic Options document, was undertaken from Monday 1st November 2021 until Monday 24 January 2022. A report was taken to Cabinet on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 which presented the detailed feedback from the

consultation. A further report was taken to Cabinet on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022 which noted progress made towards the next stage of consultation.

- 1.5 This second Regulation 18 stage of consultation will present the First Draft Local Plan and sets out the proposed overall housing and employment growth figures for the borough, the settlement hierarchy and an initial view on the proposed development sites to meet the housing and employment growth targets over a twenty-year plan period (to year 2040). The purpose of the Regulation 18 consultation is to seek a wide range of views from communities and stakeholders on what a Local Plan should contain. Approval to consult on the First Draft Local Plan was sought at a Cabinet meeting on the 06 June 2023.

## 2.0 Progress to Date and Issues

- 2.1 The Policy team have been working on the following in anticipation of the consultation on the First Draft Local Plan (Regulation 18) :-

- Assessed in the region of 140 sites against site selection criteria to support the Local Plan
- Consultancy support to undertake the following reports / evidence: -
  - Habitats Regulations Assessment,
  - Sustainability Appraisal ,
  - Housing Need Assessment / Economic Need Assessment,
  - Town centre capacity study,
  - Ecological network recovery assessment and mapping,
  - Landscape Character Study,
  - Infrastructure Delivery Plan,
  - Transport modelling,
  - Strategic Employment Sites Assessment,
  - Town Centre and Urban Capacity Study,
  - Viability Assessment and
  - Green Belt Study
- Reports from the above studies have been finalised, assessed and incorporated into the First Draft Local Plan
- Duty to Cooperate with neighbouring authorities ongoing and documented
- Equality Impact Assessment completed as part of the Sustainability Appraisal

### Draft Local Plan

- 2.2 The draft Local Plan is structured around the following key areas:-
- Introduction, context, Vision and Strategic Objectives – setting out the background to the Local Plan and setting the scene for the overall Vision and Strategic Objectives for the Borough by 2040 (the end of the Plan period)
  - Strategic policies setting out the overall levels of development, settlement hierarchy and where growth should be directed.
  - Policies in relation to housing, employment, retail, infrastructure and environmental matters
  - Information on sites considered through the Local Plan
  - Glossary and Monitoring Framework
- 2.3 The draft Local Plan sets out the proposed growth strategy for the Borough, which is to provide at least 7,160 new homes over the Plan period (average of 358 per annum) and a minimum

of 69 hectares of employment land. The Plan looks to direct development to the most sustainable locations, making the best use of previously developed land in the urban area. The primary focus for development is Newcastle-under-Lyme as a strategic centre in the Plan. Kidsgrove, an urban centre, is also a focus for growth in the overall delivery of the Plan Strategy. The plan also identifies a number of Rural Centres which perform an important community role. Rural Centres will take a smaller share of overall target, to support their services and facilities and to ensure the continued vitality and viability of these centres.

- 2.4 Efforts have been made to identify as many potential sites as possible as draft allocations in the urban area, including a specific call for sites for brownfield land. The proactive investigative work has exhausted all potential supply from sites within development boundaries and helped to ensure development is directed to the most established urban areas. Unfortunately, due to the limited land available within the existing urban area and villages, insufficient land was identified to accommodate the housing requirement in full in accordance with the preferred distribution of growth. The Council has considered maximising density to accommodate more dwellings on a smaller land area –the density of sites has been increased on sites identified for potential allocation in the plan where possible, and where this did not result in detriment to amenity, character, landscape and historic environment.
- 2.5 Discussions have also been held with neighbouring authorities as to whether they could accommodate some of the identified need for development. Despite best endeavours from all parties, this is currently not possible. There will be ongoing discussions regarding the Plan proposals as it is developed as part of the Duty-to-Co-operate.
- 2.6 The previous consultation at Issues and Options stage set out options for distributing development. The Issues and Options document also set out options for Green Belt release, only if required and the exceptional circumstances are fully evidenced and justified. These options have been considered through the Sustainability Appraisal. Following detailed evidence and a consideration of site opportunities in urban areas, the Plan includes draft site options which include Green Belt release.
- 2.7 While some of the indicative development figures for the Strategic Centre of Newcastle-under-Lyme can be accommodated on urban sites, it is not possible to meet all of the proposed development requirements without draft site options which include Green Belt release. The town of Kidsgrove has limited land availability in the centre. Kidsgrove, like Newcastle-under-Lyme, is a sustainable location for growth, has received investment with the town deal funding, is adjacent to the developing employment hub at Chatterley Valley and is the only location in the Borough with a mainline rail station. Proactive work has considered possibilities for housing sites in the town itself, therefore some Green Belt release may be required to deliver new housing on draft sites which will not result in the merging of settlements or adversely affect the openness of the remaining Green Belt but will complement the existing built-up area and form logical extensions to the town.
- 2.8 A significant amount of new development is proposed in the Keele University Growth Corridor where there is optimum potential to create new development which has less environmental impact by utilising renewable energy technology and sustainable transport solutions connected to university projects, funding and initiatives.
- 2.9 A smaller level of Green Belt release is envisaged in the rural area in Audley and Bignall End which is the only Rural Centre with limited opportunity for growth on land not designated as Green Belt. This will help to sustain services and facilities, increase housing choice and ensure that development is distributed fairly across the service villages. Outside of the Green Belt, draft sites are also proposed in the settlements of Madeley and Loggerheads to support future growth recognising that settlements such as Loggerheads have already experienced recent levels of growth in the settlement.

2.10 The Council's Issues and Strategic Options document also identified the potential for strategic employment sites to be considered through the Local Plan. These are sites of scale, measuring over 25 hectares in size. Consultants Aspinall Verdi have prepared a Strategic Employment Site Report for the Council which has reviewed the sub-regional need and demand for such uses, concluding that there is a rationale for the allocation of strategic employment sites in the borough.

2.11 The strategic employment sites report considered sites at Land at J16 of the M6 (ref AB2), Land at Barkers Wood, Keele (ref KL15) and land off Talke Roundabout (ref TK30). The sites are significant in scale and are in the Green Belt. To acknowledge this, the Local Plan is not proposing to allocate the sites in the Plan at this stage but is seeking views on the principle of allocating strategic employment sites and is also seeking views on the site options themselves. The Council is seeking views from statutory consultees, infrastructure providers, neighbouring authorities and communities to understand views and receive further technical information on the sites.

2.12 The following table presents a summary of key proposals affecting settlements:-

<b>Settlement</b>	<b>Tier in the proposed settlement hierarchy</b>	<b>Key proposals (note – this table does not provide an exhaustive list of policies and proposals relevant to individual settlements)</b>
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Strategic Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site allocations in the draft plan</li> <li>• Proposed town centre / primary shopping area boundary</li> <li>• Proposed District and Neighbourhood Centres for retail purposes</li> <li>• Development boundaries proposed</li> </ul>
Kidsgrove	Urban Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site allocations in the draft plan</li> <li>• Proposed town centre / primary shopping area boundary</li> <li>• Proposed District and Neighbourhood Centres for retail purposes</li> <li>• Development boundaries proposed</li> </ul>
Audley and Bignall End (Joint)	Rural Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site allocations in the draft Plan</li> <li>• Proposed rural centre retail designation</li> <li>• Development boundaries proposed</li> </ul>
Baldwins Gate	Rural Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The outcome of a Planning appeal at a site at Baldwins gate (21/01041/OUT) for up to 200 dwellings will influence future strategy to Baldwins Gate</li> <li>• Proposed rural centre retail designation</li> <li>• Development boundaries proposed</li> </ul>
Betley and Wrinehill (Joint)	Rural Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development boundaries proposed</li> </ul>
Keele Village (with University Hub)	Rural Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inset boundary proposed</li> <li>• Site allocations in the draft Plan</li> </ul>
Loggerheads	Rural Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site allocations in the draft Plan</li> <li>• Proposed rural centre retail designation</li> <li>• Development boundaries proposed</li> </ul>
Madeley and Madeley Heath	Rural Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site allocations in the draft Plan</li> <li>• Proposed rural centre retail designation</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development boundaries proposed</li> </ul>
Various Locations	Urban Centre, Rural Centre and Other settlements and rural areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consulting on 3 potential locations for strategic locations at Audley, Keele and Talke.</li> </ul>

- 2.13 This is the First Draft Plan. The call for sites is still open for sites to be submitted for consideration during the next stage of the Local Plan. At this stage, the Council is seeking views on a number of draft options for the location of sites around the Borough. The Council is seeking views from statutory consultees, infrastructure providers, neighbouring authorities and communities to understand views on the emerging Plan. This expert, technical and valued local perspective will help us determine the suitability of our overall approach including specific sites.
- 2.14 The First Draft Local Plan also includes, in draft form, a number of important policies to assist decision takers in making decisions on planning applications including affordable housing, older person accommodation, design, climate change policies and others.

#### Local Plan Consultation

- 2.15 The consultation period on the Local Plan will be longer than the statutory minimum of 6 weeks, as with the Issues and Options consultation at the end of 2021 / beginning of 2022. The consultation will be in line with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement which sets out how the Council will consult on Local Plan documents. The Council intends: -
- Holding seven public consultation events held in venues across the Borough
  - One by appointment consultation session at Castle House
  - One virtual consultation event
  - Holding ongoing discussions with neighbouring authorities and statutory bodies
  - Updating the Council's website to host the consultation material and provide an opportunity to submit comments through the Council's consultation portal
  - Importantly, comments will also be received through e-mail to [planningpolicy@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk) and in writing to the planning policy team at the Council Offices at Castle House
  - Holding workshops and focus groups.
- 2.16 The comments received during this consultation will be reviewed and key issues will be identified and summarised. This will be reported back to members at the earliest opportunity. The feedback will inform the next stage of plan preparation, alongside new and emerging evidence base documents, the outcomes of the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment processes.
- 2.17 The next consultation stage will be on the Regulation 19 version of the Local Plan. This will be the plan which the council considers to be 'sound' and legally compliant, which will then be submitted to the Secretary of State, via the Planning Inspectorate for public examination before it can be considered for adoption by the Council. It is estimated that the adoption of the new Borough Local Plan will be complete by late 2024 / early 2025 in line with our Local Development Scheme published on the Council's website. It should be noted that this timescale is dependent on the availability and agreement of the Planning Inspectorate and progress made during the examination.

### **3.0 Proposal**

- 3.1 It is proposed that consultation on the First Draft Local Plan (Regulation 18) begins on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
- 3.2 It is proposed that this consultation stage lasts for 8 weeks: more than the statutory 6 weeks recommended, completing on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023.
- 3.3 A dedicated web page on the website will be 'live' at the start of the consultation that will list the consultation events and how they can be booked. There will also be 7 external public consultation events at Kidsgrove, Keele, Silverdale, Chesterton, Madeley, Loggerheads and Audley, but with the intention of holding several more at the Council Offices and an offer of booking virtual meetings. All the sites proposed to be allocated will also have site notices advising of the consultation and seeking responses to the Plan. During the consultation period officers will be available to respond to any questions.
- 3.4 Subject to this second consultation, it is further proposed that a Final Draft Local Plan will be consulted upon in early 2024, with a view to submitting the Local Plan to the Secretary of State in late 2024, for an Examination in Public in 2024 for possible adoption by late 2004 or early 2025. However, once the plan is submitted the timetable for the Examination in Public and the publication of the Inspectors Report will be determined by the Planning Inspectorate.

### **4.0 Reasons for Proposed Solution**

- 4.1 In order that Council deliver a robust and fully considered Borough Local Plan it is paramount that consultations on the drafts are undertaken, in line with the Council's Statement and Community Involvement which sets out how we will consult on planning matters, and that feedback is received and acted upon.

### **5.0 Options Considered**

- 5.1 One option is not to proceed with the production of a Local Plan and cease work. This is the 'do-nothing' scenario. This is not considered a reasonable option as it contravenes Section 19(1B) - (1E) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 which requires local planning authorities to identify their strategic priorities and have policies to address these in their development plan documents (taken as a whole).
- 5.2 A further option is to suspend the progress of the production of a Local Plan as a consequence of the NPPF consultation / policy decision from Central Government, which may or may not alter the calculation of housing needs. At the time of this report being drafted there has not been any final announcement on this subject from Government and until any guidance is issued, in its final form, we do not consider a pause would be a benefit to the progress we have made. For the avoidance of doubt, the First Draft Local Plan has been prepared in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (dated July 2021) and associated planning guidance which are the requirements currently in force
- 5.3 The consequence of failure to progress plans is the likelihood of government intervention with the possibility that the plan will be produced for the Borough Council by another organisation. In March 2020, the government set a deadline of December 2023 for all authorities to have up-to-date Local Plans in place and plan progression is monitored by national government. Other consequences are the diminishing weight applied to out-of-date policies in existing development plan and the possibility without a forward supply of development sites that the Council fails to demonstrate a 5-year land supply. The current analysis as result of the preparatory work for this Local Plan demonstrates that the Council is right on the margin of a

5-year land supply so the risk of not having an available supply is therefore a high risk. This would result in planning applications being determined in line with the presumption of sustainable development (i.e., sites which are not allocated).

## **6.0 Legal and Statutory Implications**

- 6.1 The Local Plan is a statutory requirement and needs to conform to the requirements set out within the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, 2004 (“the 2004 Act”) and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (“the 2012 Regulations”). The proposed consultation will be carried out in the stage of the plan-making process governed by Regulation 18. Regulation 18 requires councils to consult particular bodies and groups on the scope of the Plan, and to take account of representations. In preparing a Local Plan, Local Planning Authorities have to comply with the statutory Duty to Co-operate and carry out engagement throughout the plan making process in accordance with its Statement of Community Involvement. The development of the Plan has taken proper account of the legal requirements associated with Sustainability Appraisal and the Habitats Regulations.
- 6.2 Once adopted, the Local Plan will replace the adopted Core Spatial Strategy, 2009 and saved policies of the Newcastle-under-Lyme Local Plan 2003 - 2011.
- 6.3 The National Planning Policy Framework (July 2021) and the National Planning Practice Guidance, contain guidance on how to prepare a Local Plan and this has been taken into account in the preparation of this report together with the legal requirements as set out in 2004 Act and the 2012 Regulations.

## **7.0 Equality Impact Assessment**

- 7.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has been undertaken for the First Draft Local Plan document as part of the Integrated Sustainability Appraisal. The EqIA has assessed how the First Draft Local Plan document impact on the nine protected characteristics identified in the Equalities Act 2010.
- 7.2 At this stage of plan preparation, it is considered there are no specific detrimental equality impacts arising as a result of this report. The EqIA has been published as part of the Sustainability Appraisal, alongside the First Draft Local Plan.

## **8.0 Financial and Resource Implications**

- 8.1 The costs of the consultation are already accounted for in the Planning Policy budget. These costs relate to the following:
- booking venues (for any additional venues required that are not Council property),
  - health and safety materials for the venues (e.g., hand sanitiser and cleaning supplies)
  - various modes of consultation including printing posters, site notices and consultation material as well as some copies of the Local Plan document
  - officer time – whilst not an additional cost, officers working outside normal hours at events can claim time off to compensate for longer working days

## **9.0 Major Risks**

- 9.1 Changes in National Policy, Legislation and Guidance

The Levelling-Up and Regeneration Bill is currently before parliament. The Bill will have implications for the production of Local Plans, once it receives Royal Assent (anticipated to be later in the year). The Government has outlined that Councils have until 30 June 2025 for old style Plans to be submitted for examination (to be adopted by 31 December 2026). Alongside this, the government has recently consulted on proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework. This may result in changes to the approach to Plan making, particularly in respect of the Green Belt. Again, this position will be kept under review. Transitional arrangements are likely to apply and implications of any changes to the approach and content of the Local Plan will be kept under review.

9.2 Failure to provide robust evidence base for the emerging Local Plan.

The risk here is that the policies and allocations subsequently proposed are based on erroneous or out of date data. This is being addressed through the work already undertaken on some key pieces of the evidence base and also ongoing review of evidence as the plan progresses to adoption.

9.3 Failure to demonstrate that the plan is being prepared in line with the Duty to Cooperate.

The Duty to Co-operate is a legal test that requires cooperation between local planning authorities and other public bodies to maximise the effectiveness of policies for strategic matters in Local Plans. It is separate from but related to the Local Plan test of soundness. Proposals and policies in the plan may have cross boundary implications that require effective cooperation to understand and mitigate. The First Draft Local Plan also contains proposals for Green Belt release which is subject to a separate 'exceptional circumstances' test which again relies on discussion with neighbouring authorities to determine any reasonable alternative options to Green Belt release. The Borough Council is communicating with our partners and neighbours and will continue to develop Statements of Common Ground to ensure that the duty is fulfilled and any cross boundary issues are addressed effectively.

9.4 Failure to meet the timetable for the preparation and adoption of the Local Plan.

There is some potential for slippage in the time line of the Plan and this will be dependent on a number of factors notably the amount and diversity of the comments received at each consultation stage and the availability of staff to support this requirement. This risk though can be addressed through managing staffing levels and utilising other sources of external and internal staff support as appropriate.

9.5 Failure to demonstrate transparency and inclusiveness in our engagement and consultation with stakeholders on strategy development.

If an aggrieved party feels the process has not been followed correctly then it may launch a challenge to the validity of the plan through the judicial review process. It is therefore important that the plan presents itself in a manner where each party has the opportunity to present their case fully. The Borough Council will also follow its Statement of Community Involvement during consultation stages.

9.6 Failure of a consultant or third party to deliver to Council's timeframe

If a contracted consultancy company who is delivering evidence for the Local Plan is delayed this could potentially delay the subsequent or next stage of the evidence development and plan drafting. It is important that evidence is robust (see 9.2 above) and that short cuts aren't taken in building the evidence base

- 9.7 Whilst these risks could result in the plan being found to be unsound, delays through legal challenge or work proceeding too slowly could result in decisions on applications being made without the benefit of a up-to-date local policy framework, it is felt that appropriate mitigation is in place to reduce the possibility of these events occurring and in the unlikely event they do, any harm is minimised.

## 10.0 UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG)

- 10.1 As the Local Plan is primarily focused on the use of land and properties and how these relate to peoples use of the environment a number of the UN Sustainable Development Goals will overlap with the aims of the Plan.



## 11.0 Key Decision Information

- 11.1 The policies and allocations in the First Draft Local Plan (Regulation 18) will affect sites all wards in the Borough over time.

## 12.0 Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions

- 12.1 Cabinet – Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Please follow this link

<https://moderngov.newcastlestaffs.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=118&MId=3423&Ver=4>

Following completion of the review agreed at the previous meeting, Cabinet resolved to cease work on the Joint Local Plan and commence work on the Borough Local Plan.

- 12.2 Planning Committee - Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2021. Please follow this link:

<https://moderngov.newcastlestaffs.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=119&MId=3819&Ver=4>

Presentation of draft Issues and Strategic Options Paper to Planning Committee for consideration and for opportunity to pass comment on the plan to Cabinet

- 12.3 Cabinet – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Please follow this link:

<https://moderngov.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=118&MId=3429&Ver=4>

Sought authorisation to publish Local Plan Issues and Strategic Options for 6 week public consultation

- 12.4 Economy & Place Scrutiny Committee – Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Please follow this link:

<https://moderngov.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=467&MId=4163&Ver=4>

Presentation and report on the outcomes of the Borough Local Plan Issues and Options consultation.

- 12.5 Cabinet 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Please follow this link:

<https://moderngov.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=118&MId=3979&Ver=4>

Presentation of the feedback from the Local Plan Issues and Strategic Options consultation.

- 12.6 Cabinet 5 October 2022 - update Cabinet on progress made on the Local Plan and next steps before consultation is undertaken -

<https://moderngov.newcastlestaffs.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=118&MId=4181>

- 12.7 Cabinet 6 June 2023 – to seek approval to consult on the First Draft Local Plan (Regulation 18)

### **13.0 List of Appendices**

- 13.1 Appendix 1: Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan

<https://moderngov.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/NULBC/LP/Appendix1Regulation18LocalPlan.pdf>

- 13.2 Appendix 2: Integrated Sustainability Appraisal of the First Draft Local Plan  
Part 1:

[https://moderngov.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/NULBC/LP/LC-936\\_Vol\\_1of3\\_NuL\\_R18\\_SA\\_Non-Technical\\_Summary\\_5\\_250523GW.pdf](https://moderngov.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/NULBC/LP/LC-936_Vol_1of3_NuL_R18_SA_Non-Technical_Summary_5_250523GW.pdf)

Part 2:

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Part 3:

[https://moderngov.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/NULBC/LP/LC-936\\_Vol\\_3of3\\_NuL\\_Reg18\\_SA\\_Appendices\\_1\\_170523LB\\_comp.pdf](https://moderngov.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/NULBC/LP/LC-936_Vol_3of3_NuL_Reg18_SA_Appendices_1_170523LB_comp.pdf)

- 13.3 Appendix 3: Habitats Regulations Assessment of First Draft Local Plan

<https://moderngov.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/NULBC/LP/Appendix3HRAoftheLocalPlan.pdf>

- 13.4 Appendix 4: Extract of Draft Policies Map

<https://moderngov.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/NULBC/LP/Appendix4ExtractofDraftPoliciesMap.pdf>

## 14.0 Background Papers

The following evidence based items have already / will be published on the Council's Local Plan evidence base webpage when the consultation starts:- <https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-plan-evidence-base>

- 14.1 Duty to Co-operate Statement of Compliance (2023)
- 14.2 Strategic Employment Sites Report 2023 (Aspinall Verdi)
- 14.3 Ecological Network Recovery Assessment (Staffordshire Wildlife Trust)
- 14.4 Landscape Character Assessment: CBA (2023)
- 14.5 Local Plan Viability Study; Nationwide / CIL (2023)
- 14.6 Infrastructure Delivery Plan; LUC (2023)
- 14.7 Housing and Economic Needs Assessment Update; Turleys (2023)
- 14.8 Town Centre Capacity Study; Turleys (2023)
- 14.9 Green Belt Assessment Part 3; Arup (2023)
- 14.10 Newcastle-under-Lyme open space and green infrastructure strategy; RSK (2022)
- 14.11 Landscape and settlement character assessment study; CBA (2022)
- 14.12 Housing and Economic Needs Assessment; Turleys: 2020
- 14.13 Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Report; AECOM Limited; 2020
- 14.14 Playing Pitch Strategy 2020; Knight, Kavanagh & Page Ltd; 2020
- 14.15 Green Belt Assessment Part 1&2; Arup; 2017 & 2020
- 14.16 Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showperson Accommodation Assessment; Arc4; 2020
- 14.17 Water Cycle Study; JBA Consulting; 2020
- 14.18 Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke-on-Trent Retail and Leisure Study; Nexus Planning; 2019
- 14.19 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA); NULBC; 2020
- 14.20 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Methodology; NULBC; 2017
- 14.21 Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Report; JBA Consulting; 2019.
- 14.22 Biodiversity Opportunity Mapping Report (March 2014)
- 14.23 Rural Area Topic Paper (2021)
- 14.24 Heritage Topic Paper (2021)
- 14.25 Infrastructure Baseline Report (2021)
- 14.26 Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Strategic Infrastructure Plan (2018)
- 14.27 West Midlands Strategic Employment Sites Study (2021)

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**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S  
REPORT TO**

**Economy Environment and Place Scrutiny Committee**  
**08 June 2023**

**Report Title:** Neighbourhood Planning Update

**Submitted by:** Deputy Chief Executive

**Portfolios:** Planning and Regeneration

**Ward(s) affected:** All Wards within the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme

**Purpose of the Report**

To provide an update on progress with the production of Neighbourhood Plans across the Borough

**Recommendation**

**That**

1. That Members note the progress update provided on Neighbourhood Planning in the Borough

**Reasons**

To ensure that account is taken of the status and progress of various Neighbourhood Plans across the Borough.

1. **Background**

1.1 Neighbourhood Planning was introduced in the Localism Act 2011 and provides an opportunity for local communities to prepare a Plan for their area. A Neighbourhood Plan sets out planning policies for the neighbourhood area which can be used to help determine planning applications. Neighbourhood Plans allow communities to influence development in their local area. However they cannot influence or block development set out previously by the Local Plan. Neighbourhood Plans are led and produced by an authorised local community organisation such as a parish or town council, or where one does not exist a Neighbourhood Forum may be designated.

1.2 A Neighbourhood Plan can:

- a. Identify a vision for the area and set objectives
- b. Provide detailed planning policies setting out for example, how new development should be designed
- c. Allocate sites for different types of development such as housing, retail and office space and designate areas of community greenspace
- d. Identify key areas for improvement and set out proposals for them

1.3 Neighbourhood Plans are subject to consultation, examination and a referendum, and once adopted (or 'made') form a part of the statutory development plan.

1.4 As a 'made' Neighbourhood Plan carries significant weight in determining development proposals for the local area, there are a number of legal requirements that the plan must meet.

1.5 A Neighbourhood Plan must:

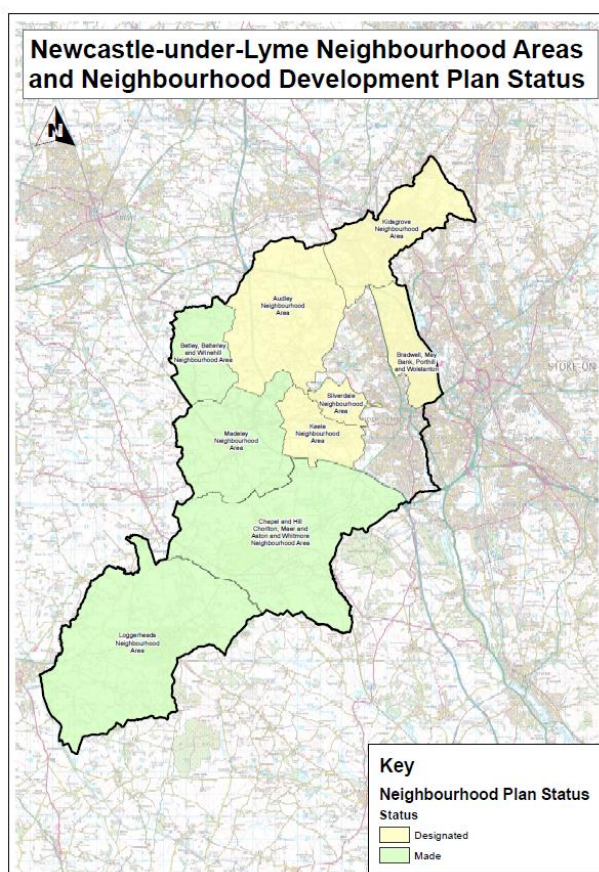
- a. Have appropriate regard to national planning policy
- b. Be in general conformity to the Local Plan
- c. Contribute to the achievement of sustainable development
- d. Be compatible with environmental obligations, as incorporated in UK law
- e. Be compatible with human rights requirements.

1.6 The local community preparing the Plan takes a leading role. The Council's role is to take decisions in the neighbourhood planning process within specified time limits and provide advice and assistance to the body preparing the Plan at various stages of Plan development.

1.7 Cabinet agreed, on 8 November 2017, to delegate certain decisions on the Neighbourhood Plan process to the executive director for regeneration and development in consultation with the Cabinet Member responsible for the Planning and Housing Portfolio unless, that stage of the Neighbourhood Planning process has resulted in significant public objection and/or the decision is considered to be a 'Key Decision'. Then such a decision is delegated to the Cabinet Member responsible for the Planning and Housing Portfolio.

## 2. Neighbourhood Plans in the Borough

2.1 There are dedicated pages on the Council's website on the status and progress on Neighbourhood Plans in the Borough. A summary plan has been prepared which highlights the status of Neighbourhood Plans in the Borough.



2.1 The following Plans have been ‘made’ and form part of the Development Plan in the Borough:-

- a. Loggerheads (February 2019)
- b. Chapel and Hill Chorlton, Maer and Aston and Whitmore (October 2019)
- c. Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill (January 2022)
- d. Madeley (May 2022)

2.2 There are a number of Neighbourhood Plans in development in the Borough at the moment, as follows:-

Area	Status
Kidsgrove	Neighbourhood Area Designation (Sept 2019), community now preparing a regulation
Audley	Neighbourhood Area Designation (Dec 2020)
Silverdale	Neighbourhood Area Designation (May 2022)
Keele	Neighbourhood Area Designation (Oct 2016)
Bradwell, May Bank, Porthill and Wolstanton Neighbourhood Forum	Neighbourhood Area Designation (April 2023)

2.3 Communities, outlined in the table above, are in the process of preparing Neighbourhood Plans for their areas. The next step will be the preparation of a draft Plan for consultation (called pre-submission consultation, or Regulation 14 consultation). Legislation requires that Neighbourhood Plans are subject to at least two formal, public, six-week long consultations. The qualifying body - the group preparing the Plan, hosts the first consultation (Regulation 14). After the Regulation 14 consultation, the qualifying body have the opportunity to make any changes to their plan before submitting to the Council. Once submitted, The Council hosts the second consultation on the plan, which falls under Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations. This is then followed by an independent examination and referendum before the Plan can be brought in to force.

### 3. **Proposal**

3.1 The Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee at its meeting of the 16 March 2023 confirmed that an item on Neighbourhood Planning be added to the work programme.

### 4. **Reasons for Proposed Solution**

4.1 Neighbourhood Plans are prepared by local communities. The council must fulfil its statutory obligations in supporting local communities in preparing Neighbourhood Plans

### 5. **Options Considered**

5.1 The Council has statutory obligations in the neighbourhood planning process. There are no other reasonable options that the Council can take.

### 6. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

6.1 The Localism Act (2011) introduced the concept of Neighbourhood Planning. The Localism Act also made amendments to the Town and Country Planning (1990) Act in order to incorporate Neighbourhood Plans into the statutory development plan system.

6.2 The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 implement this legislation through setting out the requirements for designating neighbourhood areas, preparing and the 'making' of Neighbourhood Plans.

## 7. **Equality Impact Assessment**

7.1 The purpose of this report is provide an update on Neighbourhood Plans in the Borough. There are no direct implications of the report that would necessitate an Equality Impact Assessment.

## 8. **Financial and Resource Implications**

8.1 The support provided on Neighbourhood Plans is resourced through the Planning Policy budget.

## 9. **Major Risks**

9.1 Changes in National Policy, Legislation and Guidance.  
The Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill, currently before parliament, is seeking to introduce Neighbourhood Priorities Statements. These will allow communities to identify their key priorities for their local area, including development preferences. This may change the approach to Neighbourhood Planning in the Borough.

9.2 Progress on the Local Plan  
Existing and developing Neighbourhood Plans may have to take account of the emerging Borough Local Plan, once adopted. This will be kept under review.

## 10. **UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG)**

10.1 As Neighbourhood Plans are primarily focused on the use of land and the relationship to the environment and infrastructure then a number of the UN Sustainable Development Goals will overlap with the aims of the respective Plans.



11. **Key Decision Information**

11.1 This report provides an update on progress relating to the development Neighbourhood Plans in the Borough.

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

12.1 Cabinet – Delegation for Neighbourhood Planning processes (Cabinet, Wednesday 8 November 2017) :- <https://moderngov.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=118&MId=2934>

13. **List of Appendices**

13.1 None

14. **Background Papers**

14.1 The website pages on Neighbourhood Plans can be accessed on the Council's website:- <https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning-policy>

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## ECONOMY AND PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE



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**Planned Items**

<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
8 June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HS2 Update</li> <li>• Borough Local Plan</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Planning</li> <li>• Future High Streets Fund and Town Deals for Kidsgrove and Newcastle under Lyme</li> </ul>	<p>Including consultation responses and housing numbers</p> <p>Including an update on York Place and the Multi-Storey Car Park</p>
12 June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Plan Reg 18 Call In – TBC</li> </ul>	Meeting date held for potential Reg 18 Call In
21 September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future High Streets Fund and Town Deals for Kidsgrove and Newcastle under Lyme</li> <li>• Borough Local Plan</li> <li>• Report of the Housing Task and Finish Group</li> </ul>	
7 December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Enforcement &amp; Performance</li> <li>• Future High Streets Fund and Town Deals for Kidsgrove and Newcastle under Lyme</li> <li>• Borough Local Plan</li> </ul>	
18 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knutton Master Plan</li> <li>• Future High Streets Fund and Town Deals for Kidsgrove and Newcastle under Lyme</li> <li>• Borough Local Plan</li> </ul>	

**Special Meeting**

A53/Bus Gate – Final Business Case – joint meeting with HWE Scrutiny when appropriate



**Pending**

BID Update – To be presented by the BID Manager

**Previous Items**

<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
15 June 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HS2 – look ahead to the next 12 months on works impacting on the Borough</li><li>• Sustainable Environment Strategy, Action Plan</li><li>• Future High Streets Fund update &amp; Town Investment Plans for Newcastle and Kidsgrove – update on progress</li><li>• Borough Local Plan</li><li>• Police presence in the town centre</li></ul>	
1 August 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Borough Local Plan Call-In</li></ul>	
1 September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recycling and Waste Services Update – Town Centre Impact</li><li>• Future High Streets Fund and Town Deals for Kidsgrove and Newcastle under Lyme</li></ul>	
12 December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strategic management of the Town Centre</li><li>• Future High Streets Fund and Town Deals for Kidsgrove and Newcastle under Lyme</li><li>• 850 Commemorations</li><li>• Local Plan timings and next steps</li></ul>	

16 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strategic Management of the Town Centre/NUL BID</li><li>• Future High Streets Fund and Town Deals for Kidsgrove and Newcastle under Lyme</li><li>• Borough Local Plan</li><li>• Housing Provision – set up Working Group</li></ul>	
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