

Full Forum Meeting of Consett Area Neighbourhood Forum

2pm, 6 April 2025

Delves Lane Village Hall

Management Committee attendees:

Christine Thomas – Chair
Anne Louise Grant – Treasurer
Mike Shiels – Secretary
Lucy Reed – Data Protection Officer
Mark Russell – MC member
Ian Peart – MC Member
Richard Lumley – MC member
John Million – MC member

Management Committee apologies:

Kelli Turner – MC member
Maureen Clyne – MC member
Niamh McDonald – MC member
Anthony Robson – MC member

Plus member attendees and guests.

Other apologies:

Liz Twist M.P.

1. Progress Update

Christine provided the following updates:

- The Housing Needs Analysis has now been completed, and we have the final document from AECOM. Thanks to all members who provided feedback.
- The main topic for this meeting is to consult members on the draft Design Codes document created by AECOM on our behalf and gather their feedback. This is a very early first draft, and large sections are incomplete, so we will review one section only, to get a feel for the kind of material included.
- The draft Design Codes has also been shared with Durham County Council, but they have indicated it will be more productive for them to provide feedback when the draft is in a more complete state.

2. Design Codes Feedback

The Forum broke into small groups, working with MC members to gather their feedback on the draft Design Codes document.

Feedback was documented and a summary shared back into the full Forum by each group.

Christine explained that all feedback would be given to Jo-Anne Garrick, our planner, to collate and send back to AECOM.

3. GIS Mapping

Christine and Ian updated the Forum on the GIS mapping. The mapping is now largely completed, except for a few anomalies that Ian highlighted and invited Forum members to comment on.

The ultimate intention is to make all the mapping available through the CANF website, so the public can see and provide comments as they wish. Ian is working through the technical solution to this but is confident this will be possible soon.

Jo-Anne, our planner, is currently checking the mapping information to remove any items that are already listed, and any that are impacted by existing planning permissions.

4. Next Steps

Christine set out the next steps we can expect:

1. We will send feedback to AECOM on the Design Codes document
2. GIS mapping will be checked by Jo-Anne before being made available on the CANF website
3. We will notify landowners

The meeting closed at 4pm.