

# Consett Area Neighbourhood Forum – Management Committee

## 7pm, 27 April 2026

**Online meeting: Zoom call**

### **Attendees:**

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

### **Apologies:**

Anthony Robson – MC member  
Maureen Clyne – MC member  
Ian Peart – MC Member  
Kelli Turner – MC member  
Jo-Anne Garrick – Planning Consultant

## **Minutes**

### **1. Neighbourhood Plan**

Christine, Mike and Anne-Louise met with Jo-Anne to discuss what is left to do before we can submit the Neighbourhood Plan.

The following actions were identified

- Publish one map per policy from the GIS, with only the relevant layer showing, so that this can be referred to in the plan and linked to with QR code
- Also put each of the areas from the Design code into mapping
- Only 2 heritage sites appear to be ones that are not already listed
- Green wedges need to be mapped separately from green spaces
- Ward boundaries need to come off the green wedges map
- Each nominated site or area needs a unique number that can be used both in listing areas in the Plan and also to look up the same item in the GIS plan
- Make clear that the booklet is not the actual Plan.
- HNA and SEA should be on the County Durham website (this is now the case)

### **2. Planning Issues**

Christine has not yet received any response from Andrew Husband to her letters regarding the new hospital site and Duchy Close.

John has submitted FOI requests to DCC regarding the NHS position on the hospital site, including land purchase. MC members suggested he submit the same requests to the NHS trust.

### **3. Community Consultation**

Christine attended Hamsterley Mill residents meeting, explaining the reason for having a plan. Attendees were generally supportive.

### **4. DCC planning portal**

HNA and SEA are now on the County Durham website, and Jo-Anne has indicated that DCC should already be taking these into account (even before the Plan is agreed)

### **5. Other actions required to the Plan**

Christine needs to refine the text on green spaces.

Remaining areas that are still listed by without clear justification from Forum members will now be removed.

### **6. AOB**

- Jo-Anne has enough hours to complete the pre-submission work, but may require further funding beyond this.

### **7. Date / time of future meetings**

- Next MC meeting: Monday 11 May, 7pm