

# The County Durham Plan

Autumn Drop-in events  
Member Presentation

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# Framwellgate Consultation Event February 2011

We provided :

- A progress report on the development of the plan and feedback on consultation
- An update on the assessment of Greenbelt sites around Durham City
- The proposed alignments for the two relief roads
- Timescales for the future stages of plan preparation including a further event in October

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# Policy Directions Consultation Summer 2011

We provided :

- Details of how much additional employment land, new housing and retail floorspace would be required over the next 20 years.
- Suggested how this would be distributed across our towns and villages
- Identified locations new strategic sites needed to support the future development of key settlements

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# Critical studies in Durham City

Four studies in particular have helped to set the design constraints for the development of strategic sites in and around Durham City

- Ecological assessment of the strategic sites
- Archaeological assessment of the strategic sites
- Assessment of the landscape capacity and constraints
- Design implications for the two relief roads

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# Strategic Sites : Design Principles

The studies have :

- Informed the design principles for each site
- Defined clear development limits (Greenbelt assessments requires the identification of clear, defensible boundaries)
- Identified the constraints on development within the sites as well as informing the possible pattern of development

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# What happens next?

- Each site shown has been individually considered to identify the maximum developable area. Some sites are therefore larger than originally identified
- All of the alternative sites will be fully assessed to determine the best choices for Durham, including additional sites put forward during the summer consultation.
- The next stage of plan preparation, the 'Preferred Option' stage, will consider comments received and will bring together :
  - The **amount** of development needed in Durham City
  - The **most appropriate combination** of these sites (either as a whole or in part)

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