

Carlisle City Council

Authority Monitoring Report 2019/2020

- **Carlisle District Local Plan 2016 – 2030**
 - **Adopted 8 November 2016**

Local Development Scheme

Current LDS published: June 2019

Documents:

- **St Cuthbert's Local Plan**

St Cuthbert's Garden Village Stage two masterplan Baseline Report was published August 2019 and the Stage Two masterplan Draft Options was consulted on between September and October 2019.

Consultation on the St Cuthbert's Local Plan took place between November 2019 and January 2020 the outcomes of which are being considered.

- **Carlisle District Local Plan 2015- 2030 Review**

The 2017 Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Amendment) Regulations require LPAs to review a local plan every five years in accordance with section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. LPAs must complete a review of their local plans and decide:

- policies don't need updating (publish reasons why); or
- one or more policies need updating

- **St Cuthbert's Strategic Design Supplementary Planning Document**

Not part of the LDS but to supplement the Masterplan Framework a St Cuthbert's Strategic Design Supplementary Planning Document is being produced. Consultation took place between November 2019 and January 2020 alongside the St Cuthbert's Local Plan and the document is currently being updated in response to that consultation. Adoption by the Council is expected early 2020 to 2021.

- **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

CIL is a tool for local authorities in England and Wales to help deliver infrastructure to support development of the area.

An Infrastructure Delivery Plan [IDP] was produced alongside the adopted Carlisle District Local Plan (2015–2030) CIL receipts will go towards the funding of infrastructure projects identified within the IDP to support delivery of the Local Plan and the emerging St Cuthbert's Local Plan for which an IDP will be produced. Outcomes will include:

- a charging schedule detailing the rates applicable across Land Use Classes and if appropriate sub-geographies within the District;
- a suite of policies to provide additional guidance regarding the collection and subsequent distribution of receipts;
- a Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document to clearly define the linkages between CIL and S106 Planning Obligations.

Work on the potential for the adoption of a CIL charging schedule will run alongside the St Cuthbert's Local Plan.

5 Year Net Housing Completions

| Year | Net Completions | Affordable Completions |
|---------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 2016/16 | 502 | 81 |
| 2016/17 | 541 | 140 |
| 2017/18 | 505 | 60 |
| 2018/19 | 625 | 85 |
| 2019/20 | 663 | 151 |

Neighbourhood Plans

The Dalston Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) under 38A(4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 under Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 was adopted by the City Council on 22 February 2018.

Duty to Cooperate

The Cumbrian Authorities, including their immediate neighbours and Cumbria County Council have a long-standing culture of working together through the forum of the District Planning Officers' Group (DPOG), which meets 3 times a year. This group is made up of representatives from all the Cumbrian District Councils, the County Council, and neighbouring local authorities in Northumberland, Lancashire and across the border in Dumfriesshire. Planning policy officers come together quarterly to share good practice and seek to achieve a joined-up approach across the county on policy development, evidence and monitoring.

Specific areas of joined up working include the following:

- **Solway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)**
Boundary crosses Carlisle and Allerdale administrative boundaries. Joint working arrangements are well established. Steering group regularly meets and includes officers from both authorities and Cumbria County Council as well as from Natural England and the Solway Firth Partnership. A joint strategic policy for the AONB was adopted as part of the Allerdale and Carlisle Local Plans. This policy continues to be implemented and its effectiveness monitored. The AONB itself is subject to a management plan which is to be reviewed and updated by the steering group to cover the period 2020 – 2025.
- **North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)**
Boundary crosses Carlisle, Eden, Northumberland and Durham. Joint working arrangements are well established. Steering group regularly meets and includes officers from all authorities and Cumbria County Council as well as from Natural England. A joint strategic policy for the AONB was adopted by all planning authorities in the group as part of their Local Plans. The AONB itself is subject to a management plan which has recently been reviewed and updated by the steering group to cover the period 2019 – 2024.
- **Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site**
WHS crosses through neighbouring authorities of Allerdale and Northumberland. A joint strategic policy for the WHS has been adopted in the Carlisle District Local Plan 2015-2030 and by Allerdale and Northumberland.
- **Gypsy Traveller Accommodation Assessment**

Countywide needs assessment involving all Cumbrian authorities, including the County Council to establish what accommodation requirements of the gypsy and traveller community within the County, including the identification of traveller sites and pitches and was published November 2013 which is now being reviewed.

- **Local Nature Recovery Strategy**

Strategy to restore and link up habitats so that species can thrive, and agree the best places to help nature recover, plant trees, restore peatland, mitigate flood and fire risk, and create green spaces for local people to enjoy. With an agreed LNRS in place, the nature recovery work of everyone in Cumbria - from the designated landscapes and large conservation partnerships, to farmers, local businesses and community groups - can help to deliver a bigger, better and more joined up nature recovery network across the whole of the county. Cumbria was chosen as one of five pilot areas nationally to trial the development of a LNRS. The project included mapping existing sites and habitats, identifying priority outcomes, and mapping suitable locations for the delivery of these measures. This work together with a Local Habitat Map and Statement of Biodiversity Priorities forms the LNRS for Cumbria. A pilot area team was set up who acted as a steering group for the delivery of the LNRS. This included a representative from each of the local planning authorities in Cumbria, and both National Park Authorities. The group also included a representative from Cumbria Local Nature Partnership, the Cumbria LEP, Natural England, The Environment Agency and the Forestry Commission. Work is underway on a draft LNRS which will need be submitted to DEFRA.

- **Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal**

Launched in 2017 the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal partnership is made up of Carlisle City Council, Cumbria County Council, Dumfries and Galloway Council, Northumberland County Council and Scottish Borders Council. September 2017 saw the setting of a vision 'The Borderlands Inclusive Growth Proposition' with a formal proposal being submitted to the UK and Scottish Governments in September 2018, and the Partnership welcoming a £345 million deal in March 2019. There are six key programmes in the deal covering digital; Borderlands energy; destination Borderlands; quality of place, knowledge exchange network and business infrastructure programme. The four place-based projects, including the Carlisle Station Gateway Project, have cross boundary benefits.