



## KEY ACTIVITIES: 18 May to 21 June 2022

PLANNING APPLICATIONS considered	OBJECTIONS submitted	SUPPORT submitted	COMMENTS/CONCERNS submitted
34	12	1	1

### NEWS ITEMS

**UK City of Culture 2025.** Unfortunately County Durham did not win, but as runner-up will be awarded £125K in funding, with a commitment to deliver aspects of the cultural and events planned for 2025.

**Great British Railways HQ bid.** The shortlist announcement has been delayed.

**Jubilee events.** Various events were held around the city over the holiday weekend (1-5 June) to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, including a tea dance in the Town Hall, a picnic and music in Wharton Park, lighting of a beacon on Palace Green, a service of thanksgiving at the Cathedral, images of the Queen projected onto the Town Hall and a Big Lunch in the Market Place.

**Levelling Up bid.** On 15 June, DCC's Cabinet agreed the provisional funding bids and match funding for a £117M investment in the County, which includes a new relief road at Bowburn, stabilisation works on the A690 and active travel measures in Durham city centre. Trustees attended an on-line briefing.

**New Climate Emergency Response Plan.** On 15 June, the new plan - CERP2 - was presented to DCC's Cabinet, following an update on the performance of CERP1. CERP2 outlines targets and actions to be taken from 2022 - 2024 and covers 127 schemes over ten themes.

**DCC consultation on changes to taxi licensing.** DCC launched a public consultation on changes to their Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Licensing Policy. The draft policy was reviewed in 2020 and includes vehicle emissions criteria and safeguarding and disability awareness training. The deadline for comments is 17 July.

**New building regulations.** From 15 June the uplifts to Parts L, F and new Parts O and S take effect, meaning that applications for new builds will need to produce at least 31% less carbon emissions (27% for non-domestic), with minimum energy efficiency standards and a new metric for measuring efficiency.

**Community Centre.** Building work is finally starting on the new Community Centre at the Lowes Barn Recreation Ground following a ground breaking event held on 18 June. Completion of the building work is planned for December 2022, with the Centre opening in Spring 2023.

**New Mayor of Durham.** Cllr David Freeman was elected as the new Mayor of the city.

**Clean Air Day.** On 16 June the Parish Council and SPACE for Durham had a stall in the Market Place, with information on ways to reduce emissions in the city, and free hedging trees to give away. Several Trust members were involved.

**Queen's Baton Relay.** On 14 July, the Commonwealth Games relay will pass through the city (15.00 Claypath).

### KEY BUSINESS

**Good Citizens Awards.** On 25 May, Trustees John Ashby and Roger Cornwell received 'Good Citizens' awards from the Parish Council. A well-deserved recognition for all that they have done for the city.

**Consultations on our streets.** The Trust submitted responses this month to a number of DCC consultations on supplementary planning documents (SPDs) and design guides that affect our urban landscape.

**Exhibition to mark the Trust's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary.** On 17 June a launch event was held at Durham Museum for the new exhibition "*How Historic Durham Survived the 20<sup>th</sup> Century - Celebrating the Work of the City of Durham Trust*", which covers the history of the Trust and its notable achievements.

**Re-opening of Crook Hall Gardens.** Trustees met with the National Trust's Area Manager to learn about their plans to reopen the gardens and medieval hall. CDT members are invited to a preview day on 7 July (10.00-16.00). The gardens will open to the public on 13 July (from 13.00).

**Durham City Heritage Trail.** A new trail leaflet has been drafted by David Miller, which Trustees are commenting on, and the Trust is considering contributing towards printing costs.

**WHS Day Conference.** A draft outline for this event to mark the Trust's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be presented to the WHS Coordinating Committee on 12 July, with the aim of melding with UNESCO's 50<sup>th</sup> year of their "*Convention for the Protection of the World Heritage of Culture and Nature*".

**Annual Review and Report to the Charity Commission.** Trustees have started drafting these documents.