



KEY ACTIVITIES: 20 July to 16 August 2022

PLANNING APPLICATIONS considered	OBJECTIONS submitted	SUPPORT submitted	COMMENTS/CONCERNS submitted
25	9	2	3

NEWS ITEMS

Green Flag Awards. Two green space sites around the city, maintained by DCC, have been recognised with 2022/23 awards - Wharton Park and Durham Crematorium & Crematorium.

Clerk of the Year shortlist. Adam Shanley, the clerk of the City of Durham Parish Council, has been shortlisted for the title as part of the National Association of Local Councils' (NALC) Star Council Awards 2022. The award winners will be announced in an on-line ceremony later in the year.

Transport North East consultation. On 20 July, Transport North East launched both stakeholder and public consultations for their draft strategy on *"Making the Right Travel Choice"* which aims to make it easier for people to make sustainable journeys (on foot, bike or via public transport). The closing date is 14 September.

Changes to bus services. Changes to the bus service network in the county came into force from 24 July, with some services reduced or cut entirely due to low demand.

New council homes. Work is now complete on four 2-bed bungalows at Hartley Gardens in Gilesgate, with the first tenants welcomed in and two more bungalows due to be completed later this year. DCC say *"It is part of the first phase of a £70 million five-year plan to build 500 new homes for rent in County Durham. While the new developments will have some family accommodation, there will be a focus on bungalows to rent for older people living in the county. The programme will also help to address the gap between the number of new affordable homes for rent being built compared to the numbers that are required."*

Durham Bus Station project. DCC has reported that, after initial delays due to issues with the ground and structural conditions and difficulties sourcing some materials, the project is now on course for completion in 2023. The demolition, groundworks and foundations are complete and the steel frame erection is underway.

Levelling Up bids. DCC has submitted bids totalling almost £100m to central government to help enhance transport, regeneration, town centres and culture across the county.

Redhills' UNESCO bid. Redhills Miners Hall has been selected as one of eight 'workers assembly halls' worldwide to be put forward for UNESCO world heritage status. If successful it could mean Durham City becomes one of the few places to have two World Heritage Sites.

New DLI exhibition. DCC have partnered with the University to produce *Colours: Preserving the Pride of our Regiment*. The exhibition is available to view on-line.

James Barbour House. Ahead of a planning application submission, Durham University are consulting with local stakeholders on their plans to refurbish and extend this postgraduate accommodation at Rear Anchorage Terrace. The bedroom numbers are being reduced from 45 to 41.

KEY BUSINESS

Sniperley Park masterplan and Bellway Homes consultation. Trustees have drafted a response to the final version of DCC's masterplan to highlight some remaining issues. Bellway Homes have contacted the Trust to share access to revised designs for their portion of the Sniperley site. Trustees will be responding to this 'public consultation'.

Bent House Lane housing development. The Trust has submitted further objections to key aspects of this reserved matters application for 470 dwellings on the site off Sherburn Road. There is a corresponding post on the Trust's website and, following a rather one-sided article published in the Northern Echo, Trustees resent a press release to them to urge more balanced reporting.

Volunteers needed. Trustees are due to be reappointed at the AGM in October, so the Trust is putting a call out for members to consider putting themselves forward to be Trustees. The Trust has not yet found a Treasurer to replace Dr Malcolm Reed who, after eight years in the role, is stepping down after the AGM.

"Looking Forwards": Initiative 5. As part of their work on this initiative on heritage/green assets, Trustees had a productive meeting at Crook Hall to discuss the National Trust's plans for a green corridor link to Moorhouse Woods.

Annual Review. This is being finalised ready to be printed in late August and distributed in September.