# TRANSPORT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS PORTFOLIO

# **DECISION SCHEDULE**



#### Monday, 18 January 2010

at 9.00 am

#### in Committee Room C Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Councillor P Jackson, Cabinet Member responsible for Transport and Neighbourhoods will consider the following items.

#### 1. KEY DECISIONS

No items

#### 2. OTHER IT EMS REQUIRING DECISION

- 2.1 Tow n Centre Communities Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP), Draft for Consultation Assistant Director (Housing and Regeneration)
- 2.2 Mountbatten Close Area 20mph Speed Limit and Traffic Calming Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)
- 2.3 Resident's Only Parking Controls Leyburn Street and Penrhyn Street Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)

#### 3. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

No items

#### TRANSPORT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS PORTFOLIO

Report to Portfolio Holder 18 January 2010



#### **Report of:** Assistant Director (Housing and Regeneration)

Subject: TOWN CENTRE COMMUNITIES NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PLAN (NAP), DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION

#### SUMMARY

#### 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek agreement to consult on the first draft of the Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) for the Town Centre Communities area (**Appendix** 1) and, to note the proposed 8 week consultation period from mid February 2010.

#### 2.0 SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The report describes the background to NAPs in the Town Centre Communities area and outlines the current position with regard to the consultation process. The report also provides an overview of future consultation methods and draws the Transport and Neighbourhoods Portfolio Holder's attention to the revised format of the Plan. Finally, the report provides initial thoughts in relation to the implementation procedure along with the financial implications of the NAP once endorsement has been sought from relevant partners.

#### 3.0 RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

NAPs fall within the remit of the Transport and Neighbourhoods Portfolio Holder. Once the Town Centre Communities NAP has been finalised and endorsed, it will have an impact on service delivery and will potentially influence future funding opportunities in the Town Centre Communities NAP area.

#### 4.0 TYPE OF DECISION

Non key decision.

#### 5.0 DECISION MAKING ROUTE

The draft Plan will be taken to the Town Centre Communities Panel prior to the meeting of the Transport and Neighbourhoods Portfolio Holder. It will also be considered by the Hartlepool Partnership at the end of January.

#### 6.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

The Transport and Neighbourhoods Portfolio Holder is requested to agree the first draft of the Town Centre Communities NAP as a consultation document and, to note the proposed consultation arrangements.

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#### 2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 NAPs are the local elements of Hartlepool's Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy (NRS), which are used to inform and improve service delivery within the priority neighbourhoods identified in the NRS. The Strategy forms part of the updated Community Strategy; Hartlepool's Ambition, which provides a strategic policy framework for the Borough.
- 2.2 The Town Centre Communities neighbourhood, is the former New Deal for Communities (NDC) area plus a small part of the Burn Valley (BV) ward. The BV area has been split from Rift House and incorporated within the original NDC neighbourhood, as it was felt that the BV area has a more natural affinity with the NDC neighbourhood due to shared issues and priorities. Since it has been renamed Town Centre Communities.
- 2.3 The NAP is an update of the Plan prepared in 2007 for the NDC area, and includes the BV area, as described above in paragraph 2.2. The Town Centre Communities area boundary stretches from North Cemetery and Hart Lane in the North, to the Belle Vue roundabout in the South.

#### 3.0 CONSULTATION AND PROGRESS TO DATE

- 3.1 Work commenced on developing the NAP for the Town Centre Communities area in September 2009. A door to door Household Survey has been conducted in the BV area, to which over 130 responses were received. This was to ascertain more detailed information in relation to this specific part of the neighbourhood, to complement the Ipsos MORI 2008 data for the NDC area.
- 3.2 A conference was held in November 2009 to bring people together, to identify the key issues and priorities of the neighbourhood. Residents,

Ward Councillors and those who deliver services in the area were all in attendance. Work with local Primary and Secondary Schools has also commenced.

3.3 Whilst consultation with residents was ongoing, service providers through their Theme Partnership were asked to prepare a Theme Assessment to inform the development of the NAP. Theme Partnerships utilised available neighbourhood statistics and sought to involve as many partners as possible in developing the assessment for their Theme. Each Theme Assessment set out to gain a broad understanding of existing local service provision, to establish gaps in current provision from the service provider's perspective, to identify what service providers feel are the key priorities for the Town Centre Communities area and to highlight any opportunities for future development.

#### 4.0 FUTURE CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Subject to agreement of the draft for consultation from the Town Centre Communities Forum, the Transport and Neighbourhoods Portfolio Holder and the Hartlepool Partnership, further consultation sessions will be undertaken. This will potentially include an on-line consultation, drop-in sessions, Coffee Mornings, further work with schools serving the Town Centre Communities area, plus meetings with community/voluntary organisations and partners. The draft Plan will also be considered by the Theme Partnerships, for comments.
- 4.2 The aim of the second round of consultation is to ensure the document provides a real understanding of the issues affecting the quality of life of local people. It will provide an opportunity to make sure that the views and comments received have been incorporated and accurately reflected in the document. The Town Centre Communities NAP will also be taken to the Central Neighbourhood Consultative Forum as an item for information.

#### 5.0 THE FORMAT OF THE PLAN

- 5.1 As identified in paragraph 2.1, NAPs are used to deliver the NRS at a local level and therefore follow the same 8 Themes of the Community Strategy; Hartlepool's Ambition.
- 5.2 The format of the document differs from any NAP that has been developed previously. The Transport and Neighbourhoods Portfolio Holder is asked to note the changes in the format. The draft NAP has been attached as Appendix 1.
- 5.3 At the meeting of the Transport and Neighbourhoods Portfolio Holder, comments on the draft NAP will be invited. Any amendments resulting from the discussion will be reflected in the document, prior to consulting on the Plan.

#### 6.0 IMPLEMENTATION

- 6.1 Annual Action Plans will be prepared each year to take forward this NAP. The first of these for 2010/11 will be prepared in consultation with residents, Ward Councillors and local community/voluntary organisations and, will be attached as an Appendix to the final Plan when it is considered by partners for endorsement. The Action Plan will identify priorities from the NAP to be tackled in that year.
- 6.2 The implementation of this Action Plan will be overseen by Hartlepool Borough Council's Central Neighbourhood Manager, who will work with service providers and existing local groups to develop specific schemes that will help to improve the quality of life of residents in the Town Centre Communities neighbourhood.
- 6.3 The Action Plan will be monitored locally and progress will be reported to the Hartlepool Partnership's Performance Management Group and Theme Partnerships.

#### 7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 In addition to the WNF (Residents' Priority Budget), which has been allocated to the Town Centre Communities NAP (for Burn Valley) in 2010/11 and funding for NAP priorities from the NDC programme, via the Neighbourhood Management project, this Plan will also be influential in the future allocation of resources. The NAP provides a strategic analysis of the issues and priorities which could be tackled should any new funding streams emerge. Impact upon priorities is expected to be made by using more efficiently and effectively existing mainstream resources on the more disadvantaged areas. This will coincide with a continuous improvement to services by all partners, which often only involves a series of small adjustments and a more efficient co-ordination of activity.

#### 8.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

8.1 The Transport and Neighbourhoods Portfolio Holder is requested to agree the first draft of the Town Centre Communities NAP as a consultation document and, to note the proposed consultation arrangements.

2.1 Appendix 1

# Town Centre Communities Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP)



Draft for Consultation – January 2010

hartlepool partnership

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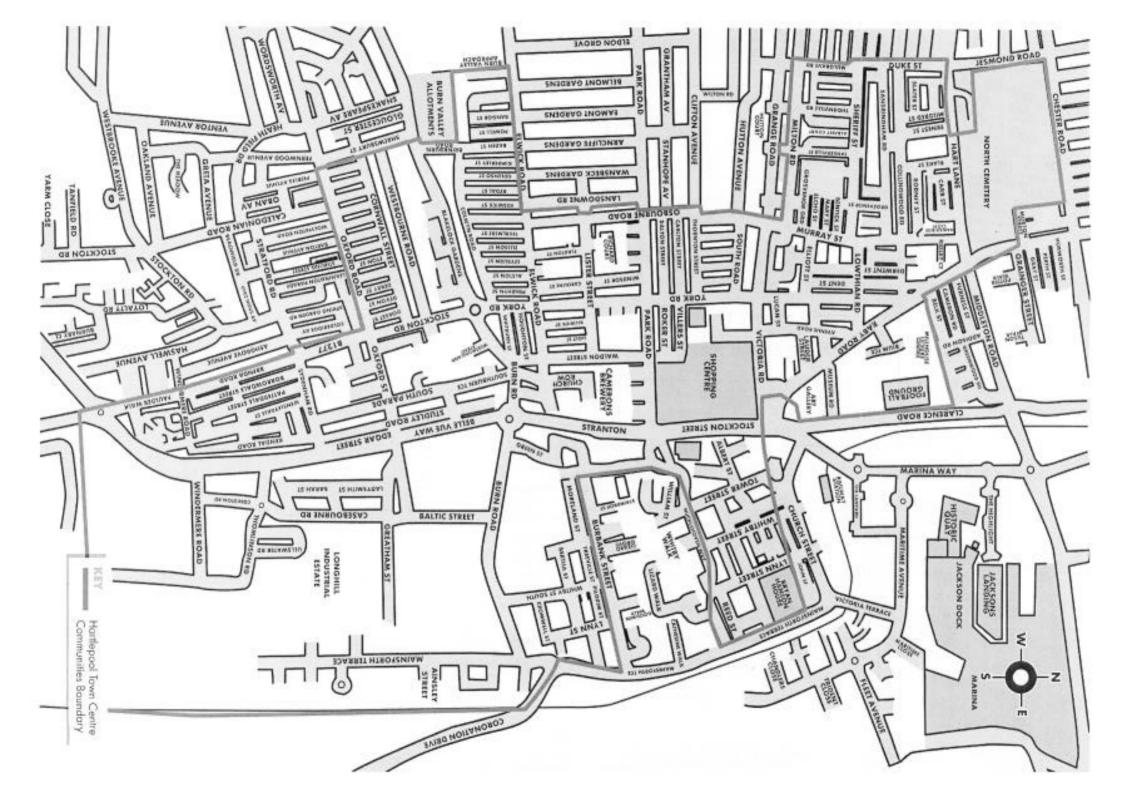
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#### Foreword

The information presented in this Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) provides a real understanding of the issues affecting the quality of life of residents in the Town Centre Communities area. It also looks at what action needs to be taken to improve the neighbourhood and, provides a clear vision of what the neighbourhood will look like in the future.

In order to develop the Plan, a substantial amount of work with local people, Ward Councillors, community/voluntary organisations and service providers has been undertaken to establish the needs and priorities of the community. The information reflected in the document has been obtained through a range of consultation sessions that have been held recently including a Community Conference, which took place in November 2009.

This is the first draft of the Plan which takes into account the information that we have received so far, from all partners involved. Further consultation sessions are to be arranged shortly to provide everyone with the opportunity to share their views on the draft document. These opportunities will be widely advertised in the community.

This is only the beginning of the process, we want to encourage all residents, from the Town Centre Communities NAP area and the surrounding area, to come forward and get involved as local people are the key driving force in taking forward the NAP. We need to build on existing strengths in the community to tackle issues and concerns raised by local residents.

Clare Clark, Neighbourhood Manager (Central), Hartlepool Borough Council.

#### Introduction

#### What is a Neighbourhood Action Plan?

A Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) sets out the key issues and priorities of a neighbourhood, which are established and agreed through working with local people, including children and young people, Ward Councillors, community/voluntary organisations and service providers.

NAPs are important in encouraging service providers to work together with local people to inform and improve local service provision, ensuring the delivery of high quality services, which are responsive to the needs of the local community.

#### Neighbourhood Action Plans in Context

Hartlepool's Community Strategy describes a long term vision of Hartlepool's ambition and aspirations for the future:



# "Hartlepool will be an ambitious, healthy, respectful, inclusive, thriving and outward looking community, in an attractive and safe environment, where everyone is able to realise their potential."

Hartlepool's Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy (NRS), which forms part of the Community Strategy; 'Hartlepool's Ambition', sets out to reduce inequalities in the most disadvantaged communities and tackle social and economic exclusion. NAPs are used to deliver the NRS at a local level and help to create and support sustainable communities. They follow the same eight Themes of the Community Strategy: Jobs and the Economy; Lifelong Learning and Skills; Health and Wellbeing; Community Safety; Environment; Housing; Culture and Leisure and Strengthening Communities. All of these themes help make a positive contribution to sustainable development, which means considering how we improve the local economy and environment as well as supporting the local community.

The Hartlepool Partnership is the town's Local Strategic Partnership (LSP), which brings together all of the town's partners delivering local services and oversees the Community Strategy at a strategic level. It is a network of partnerships working to ensure everyone in Hartlepool has a good standard of living and access to quality services that improve year on year.

The sub-groups of the Hartlepool Partnership are the Theme Partnerships. These groups focus on delivering the eight themes of the Community Strategy, as identified above. They are responsible for addressing specific issues referred from the Hartlepool Partnership Board and reporting back to the Board on progress. For more information about the Hartlepool Partnership please contact the Partnership Support Team on Tel. 01429 284147 or via their website at <a href="http://www.hartlepoolpartnership.co.uk">http://www.hartlepoolpartnership.co.uk</a>.

The Hartlepool Partnership has a number of opportunities for residents, community/voluntary organisations and service users to get involved, and support its work to deliver the Community Strategy. The Hartlepool Community Network provides support for those interested in getting involved. They can be contacted on Tel. 01429 262641 or via their website at <a href="http://www.hvda.org.uk/comment">http://www.hvda.org.uk/comment</a>.

#### About the Town Centre Communities neighbourhood

The Town Centre Communities Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) area covers a number of neighbourhoods which skirt the western and southern boundaries of the Town Centre.

The area stretches from the North Cemetery and Hart Lane in the north, to the Belle Vue roundabout in the south. It comprises around 4,880 occupied households with a population of around 9,735.

The neighbourhoods which make up the area share a number of common features including:

- High numbers of older terraced properties
- Grid of streets/rear alleys with little open space
- Higher than average population turnover
- Proximity of town centre
  - advantages e.g. close to services
  - disadvantages e.g. disturbance, litter from pubs/takeaways
- High number of 'commercial' streets (e.g. York Road, Elwick Road, Murray Street, Duke Street)

There are two primary schools (Stranton and Lynnfield) located within the area, with a larger number serving the area from just outside the boundary. Older children from the area attend all of the town's secondary schools, with the biggest share at Dyke House. The majority of the area has benefited from the NDC regeneration programme over the past nine years. This programme ends in March 2011.

#### JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

#### AAA Neighbourhood Data EMPLOYMENT There are 6,160 working age adults in the area <sup>[1]</sup> 43% of working age residents are in paid work compared to 50% Borough wide and 60% Nationally <sup>[2]</sup> 49% of the working age population are classed as economically inactive compared to 42% in the Borough and 36% Nationally [2] 37% of working age residents are claiming benefit, in comparison to 22% Borough wide <sup>[2]</sup> QUALIFICATIONS 32% of residents in the NDC area would like to improve upon any skill, in comparison to the Borough wide and National rate of 25% [2] INCOMES 32% of households in the NDC area live on an income of less than £200 per week compared to 24% Borough wide and 9% Nationally [2] LONG TERM ILLNESS. Trainees gaining work experience 43% of residents have a limiting long term illness compared to 29% Borough wide and 33% Nationally <sup>[2]</sup> and construction skills at 'Opening Doors' project Data Source: [1] Tees Valley JSU (2008); [2] Ipsos MORI Household Survey (2008); [3] Tees Valley JSU (2009)

The Local Economy

WEAKNESSES: Levels of unemployment / economic inactivity are linked to

- the decline in heavy industrial and manufacturing sectors in the 1960s and 1970s.
- adults with redundant skills who are unable to effectively compete within a shrinking local labour market.
- low aspirations and confidence.
- adults living within third and fourth generation workless households. .
- the current economic downturn, which is adversely affecting the vacancies ratio. .

STRENGTHS: The area includes a

- . concentration of retail sector employment in the Town Centre.
- ٠ thriving business community at the Longhill / Sandgate Industrial Estates.
- greater proportion of volunteering than the Hartlepool average.

#### Vision

Less workless households.

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- . Increased opportunities for training and volunteering.
- ٠ More practical work experience opportunities for young people and exposure to the expectations of a working lifestyle.
- Further developed local business associations and more . established links between them and the local community.

Actions planned in the Jobs and Economy theme will contribute directly towards. the Hardepool Sustainable Communities Strategy, Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy and to the following LAA targets: NI151 (overall employment rate (working age); NI166 (median earnings of employees in the area); NI171 (new business rate registration); NI152 (working age people on out of work benefits); NI117 (16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET)); NI116 (proportion of children in poverty).

#### JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

#### **Priority Areas**

- Young People: Increase the range of opportunities available to young people; reduce disengagement: raise aspirations and confidence; identify and address households with inter-generational worklessness.
- Employability: Improve skills; provide a range of support and training opportunities that are accessible and matched to the demands of the local labour market.
- Volunteering: Actively support and increase opportunities for volunteering; increase awareness of
  volunteering as a potential route to employment; work with voluntary agencies to provide skills training
  to volunteers.
- Self-Employment / Business Creation: Support and develop opportunities for self-employment and business start-up; raise awareness of business support initiatives.
- Community Engagement: Improve service-provider community engagement; develop new ways to
  engage those who are distant from or reluctant to enter the labour market.
- Employment, Training and Commercial Opportunities with the improvement of the neighbourhood environment; assist developers and businesses looking to invest in key empty/derelict buildings; investigate ILM or training initiatives that can contribute to public realm improvements.





- Expand the Opening Doors project to offer more construction training places for all ages (particularly young people).
- Establish new services aimed at developing young people's aspirations and confidence from ONE77 (for example, youth enterprise).
- 3. Utilise opportunities through the Future Jobs Fund initiatives.
- 4. Increase take up of services available at Jobsmart Consortium and Hartlepool Working Solutions.
- 5. Establish further Financial Inclusion Partnership.
- 6. Increase volunteering opportunities.

#### LIFELONG LEARNING AND SKILLS

#### Neighbourhood Data

QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

- 32% of residents in the area would like to improve upon any skill, compared to 28% in the NR area, and 25% Borough wide and nationally <sup>[1]</sup>
- 635 residents were 'in learning' and 129 residents participated in Apprenticeship Programmes in 2008 / 2009 (2)

#### DISENGAGEMENT

 The 'NEET' rate for the neighbourhood – those young people not in employment, education or training, is 15.4% (44 young people). The town rate is 7.8% <sup>[2]</sup>

#### EDUCATION RESULTS

- 58% of students achieved 5 A\* to C at GCSE (Key Stage 4), in comparison to NR area rate of 59% and 66% Borough wide <sup>[3]</sup>
- 55% of pupils achieved Level 5+ (Key Stage 3), in comparison to the NR area rate of 76% and Borough wide rate
  of 80% <sup>[3]</sup>

Data Source: [1] Ipsos MORI Household Survey (2008); [2] Learning and Skills Council (October 2009); [3] Tees Valley JSU (2009)



#### Education and Skills in the Area

#### WEAKNESSES:

- A culture and history of low aspirations.
- Population transience affects local schools and education outcomes.

#### STRENGTHS:

- Improved educational attainment.
- Good local primary schools with 'Community Learning Centres'.
- Improved community facilities offering a wide range of learning and training opportunities.
- A focus in schools on working with young people to promote emotional well-being.

#### Vision

- Raised aspirations of young people in the area and enable them to fulfil their potential.
- A reduction in young-person disengagement from education, employment or training.
- Increased training and learning opportunities to gain new skills, qualifications and confidence.

Actions planned in the Lifeiong Learning and Skills theme will contribute directly towards the Hartlepool Sustainable Communities Strategy, Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy and to the following LAA targets: N1161 (learners achieving a Lavel 1 qualification in literacy), N1162: (learners achieving an Entry Level 3 qualification in numeracy); N1163 (proportion of population aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least Level 2 or higher); N1164: (proportion of population aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least Level 3 or higher); N1117 (16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET)).

#### LIFELONG LEARNING AND SKILLS

#### **Priority Areas**

- · Information: Improve information for residents on learning and skills courses available.
- Access: Ensure affordability of courses; increase opportunities for people with disabilities / learning difficulties.
- Opportunities: Develop progression from informal learning in community venues to formal learning in colleges.
- Experience: Provide practical training courses directly linked to the local jobs market.
- Address worklessness: Tackle the culture of worklessness by providing young people with
  experience of working environments; link parenting courses / family support directly to employment and
  training opportunities.





- Promote the programme of 'taster' sessions at a variety of local venues, delivered through the Adult Education Service.
- Advertise formal learning opportunities such as college courses in local community centres and venues.
- Develop a NAP area newsletter / information sheet around all theme areas, through the formation of a media group to train local residents in the skills required to produce publicity.
- Increase the number of community based activities at local schools, building on the work of Stranton and Lynnfield Primary Schools.
- Encourage local engagement in the various learning and skills programmes available, for example Train to Gain, Entry to Employment (E2E) and the HOT Project.

#### HEALTH AND WELLBEING

#### Neighbourhood Data

#### GENERAL HEALTH

- 42% of residents consider their health to have been 'good' in the previous year compared to 49% in the Borough and 62% Nationally
- 43% of residents have a long-standing illness, compared to 38% in the Borough and 33% Nationally
- Of the residents that state they have a long-standing illness, 74% say that it limits their activities in some way, compared to 75% in the Borough and 56% Nationally

#### HEALTHY EATING

- 14% of residents eat five portions of fruit or vegetables every day, compared to 18% in the Borough
- · 25% of residents never eat five portions of fruit or vegetables a day, compared to 12% in the Borough

#### SMOKING

46% of residents smoke cigarettes, compared to 30% in the Borough and 22% Nationally

#### DRUGS

 34% of residents feel that drug dealing and use is a serious problem, compared to 13% in the Borough and 15% Nationally

#### MENTAL HEALTH

26% of residents suffer from anxiety / problems with nerves / depression / stress compared to 20% in the Borough

All of the above statistics taken from the Ipsos MORI Household Survey (2008)



#### Health and Wellbeing of the Community

#### WEAKNESSES:

- Access to a local General Practitioner (GP) in relation to opening times and appointment availability.
- Issues with alcohol and drug dealing / use and a perception that this is acceptable
- High smoking levels.
- · High level of residents with a long-standing illness.
- Low aspirations.

#### STRENGTHS:

- Good local facilities for community use to access health related services and advice
- Smoking cessation services are well used.

#### Vision

- Accessible physical and mental health and related services for all diverse sections of the community.
- Healthier, fitter communities, especially young people.
- Less people dependent on drugs and alcohol.
- Lower smoking levels.

Actions planned in the Health and Wellbeing theme will contribute directly towards the Hartlepool Sustainable Communities Strategy, Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy and to the following LAA targets: NI120 (all-age all cause mortality), NI123 (stopping smoking), NI8 (adult participation in sport and active

#### HEALTH AND WELLBEING

#### **Priority Areas**

- · Information: Increase awareness of local based health services and health related initiatives
- Access: Improve access to local health services, particularly GP's.
- · Drugs and alcohol: Address drug and alcohol abuse within the community.
- · Lifestyles: Encourage the community, particularly young people to adopt healthy lifestyles.
- · Mental health: Ensure there is sufficient information, advice, support and initiatives available.
- · Environmental impact: Reduce the amount of litter and dog fouling.





- 1. Implement the recommendations of the health audit.
- 2. Continue to develop and publicise community activities that promote health and wellbeing.
- 3. Educate families in aspects of health and wellbeing, particularly healthy eating.
- Improve access to GP's within the community, and encourage use of the new Town Centre Development in Park Road.
- Engage GP's in promoting healthy lifestyles and signposting to other related services in the community.
- 6. Further publicise the Walk-in-Centre and the option to change GP practice.
- 7. Promote and support mental health service provision in the area.
- Utilise innovative methods to encourage healthy lifestyles, for example using games consoles to improve the fitness of young people.

#### **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

#### Neighbourhood Data

#### SAFETY AT NIGHT

 52% of residents feel unsafe walking alone in or around this area after dark compared to 37% in the Borough and 31% Nationally

#### ATTACKS AND HARASSMENT

 30% of residents state that being attacked or harassed is a problem in the area in comparison to 13% Borough wide.

#### DRUG DEALING

 52% of residents believe that drug dealing and use is an issue in the area compared to 24% in the Borough and 38% Nationally

#### ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

 46% of residents feel that disturbance from crowds, gangs and hooliganism is a problem in comparison to 30% Borough wide

#### VANDALISM

 45% of residents believe that vandalism, graffitl and other deliberate damage to property is an issue in their area compared to 33% in the Borough and 45% Nationally

Data Source: Ipsos MORI Household Survey (2008)

The Local Community	Vision
<ul> <li>WEAKNESSES:</li> <li>Perception amongst some residents that anti social behaviour has increased due to a lack of respect amongst community members.</li> <li>Some young people encounter smoking, alcohol and drugs at an early stage.</li> <li>Teenagers frequently found congregating on the streets.</li> <li>Drug dealing prevalent in some areas.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A strong cohesive and confident community where everyone respects each other.</li> <li>A safe and clean environment where people want to live and work.</li> <li>A community that invests in its young people and parenta responsibility is taken seriously.</li> <li>Reduced offending and reoffending.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>STRENGTHS:</li> <li>Well established relationships between the Police and the community.</li> <li>Increased confidence and feelings of safety in the area as a result of multi agency working.</li> </ul>	Actions planned in the Community Safety theme will contribute directly toward

· A diverse community where people generally get along well together.

Actions planned in the Community Safety theme will contribute directly towards NRS outcomes and LAA targets: NI16 (serious acquisitive crime); NI20 (assault with injury crime); NI38 (drugs related (class A) offending rate): NI17 (perceptions of anti-social behaviour)



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#### COMMUNITY SAFETY

#### **Priority Areas**

- Crime: There is a need to develop effective enforcement and support mechanisms to reduce the number of repeat offenders who tend to move around the area.
- Young People: Increase diversionary activities, tackle alcohol misuse, and provide training
  opportunities for young people.
- Housing: Empty properties require intervention at an early stage to halt spiral of decline, and associated problems linked to anti-social behaviour.
- Education: Schools need to establish better links with the local community and all agencies to promote self sufficiency within the local population.
- Community Engagement: Improve confidence through better communication with local residents and increased visibility of agencies in problem areas.
- Employability: Alternative employment opportunities are required to reduce unemployment particularly in relation to vulnerable young adults and repeat offenders.





- Further integration of Neighbourhood Management and Neighbourhood Policing implement recommendations of NPIA evaluation.
- 2. More initiatives to promote cohesion including intergenerational and multi-cultural activities.
- Develop annual action plan to tackle acquisitive crime, anti-social behaviour, and criminal damage linked to Central JAG.
- 4. Improve communications and feedback with the local community through the development of a 'Neighbourhood Team' newsletter and develop initiatives that promote early intervention in relation to 'signal crimes' that halt the spiral of decline and promote public confidence.
- Explore opportunities for continuing existing support to victims and witnesses of crime and antisocial behaviour.
- Training and employment programmes to be targeted at offenders, those at risk of offending, and vulnerable young adults.
- 7. Build on existing strategies to address alcohol misuse amongst young people.
- 8. New Empty Homes Strategy to be linked to neighbourhood priorities.

#### ENVIRONMENT

#### **Neighbourhood Data**

#### RESIDENT SATISFACTION

- 78% of residents are satisfied with this area as a place to live, compared to 86% Borough wide and 85% Nationally <sup>[2]</sup>
- 81% of residents define their quality of life as good, compared to 89% in the Borough and 88% Nationally<sup>(2)</sup>

#### CLEANLINESS

- 68% of residents in this area feel that litter and rubbish in the streets are a problem compared to 53% Borough wide and 43% Nationally<sup>[2]</sup>
- 35% of residents in this area feel that run down and boarded up properties are a problem compared to 12% in the Borough<sup>[2]</sup>
- 45% of residents in this area feel that vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property is a problem, this
  is higher than the Borough wide figure of 33% but the same as the National average <sup>[2]</sup>
- 34% of reported Borough wide fly-tipping in 2008/09 was in this area<sup>[1]</sup>
- 40% of residents in the area feel that dogs causing nuisance or mess are a problem compared to 32% Borough wide and 22% Nationally<sup>[2]</sup>

#### COMMUNITY COHESION

- 20% of residents in this area have problems with their neighbours of which 45% feel is a serious problem, compared to 10% Borough wide and 16% Nationally<sup>(2)</sup>
- 40% of Borough wide complaints about amplified music are from this area<sup>[1]</sup>

[1] Environment Partnership (2009); [2] Ipsos MORI Household Survey (2008)

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Vicarage Gardens, Stranton

#### The Local Environment

#### WEAKNESSES:

- Quantity of green space in the Town Centre Communities area.
- Upkeep of play equipment across the area.
- Low resident participation in blue box and bag recycling schemes.
- Traffic parking and speeding problems across the area.
- General appearance and cleanliness of the area.

#### STRENGTHS:

- Residential area in close proximity to local amenities of the town centre and well connected to the rest of the Tees Valley.
- Safe and accessible school grounds in the area.
- Recent investment in public realm and public open space including Burn Valley Gardens and North Cemeterv.

#### Vision

- A cleaner, greener environment for people to live and work in.
- Improved play facilities.
- Increased resident satisfaction in the area.
- Increased resident participation in recycling schemes.

Actions planned in the Environment theme will contribute directly towards Hartlepool Sustainable Communities Strategy, the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy and to the following LAA targets: N195 (improved street and environmental cleaniness), N1175 (access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling), N1192 (percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and compositing), N1186 (Per Capita reduction Q2 emissions in the LA area) and N188 (planning to adapt to climate change).

#### ENVIRONMENT

#### **Priority Areas**

- Parking: Ensure that there are adequate and monitored / regulated parking facilities across the area to service residents, businesses and services.
- Young People: Improve young people's awareness and respect for their local environment.
- Traffic: Improve road safety issues that are evident across the area including speeding traffic and road systems.
- Public open green space: Protect and enhance the green space that is available in the area and encourage the people of all ages to utilise these spaces.
- Appearance: Improve the general appearance and cleanliness of the Town Centre Communities Area, issues that concern residents are: litter in streets and back alleys; graffiti and vandalism; derelict land and buildings and dog fouling.





- Creation of a Friends of Thornton Street Park group with a particular focus towards activities for young people.
- 2. Tackle key vacant buildings in the Town Centre Communities area.
- 3. Playbuilder Scheme improving play facilities in Burn Valley Gardens.
- Environmental initiatives through Pride in Hartlepool, Neighbourhood Action Team and Schools Environmental Action Initiative.

#### HOUSING

# Neighbourhood Data HOUSING PROFILE 26% of tenure is private rented, compared to 12% in the Borough and 12% Nationally 30% of tenure is social rented, compared to 51% in the Borough and 69% Nationally 43% of tenure is owner occupied, compared to 51% in the Borough and 69% Nationally HIGH RESIDENT TURNOVER 18% of residents have lived at their current address for less than a year compared to 9% in the Borough 23% of residents have lived in the area for less than 3 years compared to 14% in the Borough SATISFACTION 88% of residents are satisfied with their current accommodation, compared to 93% in the Borough and 91% Nationally • 35% of residents think run down or boarded up properties are a problem in their area compared to 12% in the Borough. Data Source: Ipsos MORI Household Survey (2006)

Housing Context	Vision
<ul> <li>WEAKNESSES:</li> <li>The property market remains fragile in certain areas.</li> <li>Poor condition of many older properties.</li> <li>Inadequate management of the private rented sector.</li> <li>Relatively high proportion of population turnover.</li> <li>Overcrowding - larger families in inappropriate properties.</li> <li>Impact of the recession.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increased access to good quality affordable housing.</li> <li>A better-managed private rented sector.</li> <li>A greater 'mix' of housing choices in the area.</li> <li>Reduced population turnover.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>STRENGTHS:</li> <li>Much progress made with the Housing Market Renewal agenda and new houses built on various former demolition sites.</li> <li>Improvement grant support available for owner-occupiers.</li> <li>Sustained focus on improving the quality of housing stock and responsible tenancy management through the NDC Trust and 'Opening Doors'.</li> </ul>	Actions planned in the Housing theme will contribute directly towards the Hartlepool Sustainable Communities Strategy, the Neighbourhood Renawal Strategy and to the following LAA targets: NI155 (number of affordable homes delivered (gross)); NI141 (number of vulnerable people achieving independent living), NI142 (number of vulnerable people who are supported to maintain independent living).

#### HOUSING

#### **Priority Areas**

- Landlord licensing: Develop / extend selective licensing scheme to improve working relations with
  private sector landlords and effectively address problems in the community.
- Enforcement: Increase enforcement action against anti-social tenants and owners of 'problem' properties.
- Undesirable Properties: Identify 'small-scale' opportunities to intervene in the housing market; improve properties in poor condition / boarded up properties, and raise the quality of the housing stock in the area.
- Support: Develop and extend initiatives to support vulnerable people and elderly people to maintain independent living in their own homes.





- 1. Work with local Residents Associations and landlords to identify area priorities
- Develop initiatives to engage young people who are being affected by Housing Market Renewal processes.

#### CULTURE AND LEISURE

#### Neighbourhood Data

#### LOCAL FACILITIES

- 56% of the population in the NDC area are fairly satisfied with youth and community centres, which is higher than the NR area and Borough wide rates of 45% and 48% respectively.
- 50% of the population of the NDC area are fairly satisfied with museums and art galleries which is similar to the NR area
  rate of 54% and the Borough wide rate of 49%.
- 46% of the population of the NDC are fairly satisfied with the sports clubs and facilities in the area, which is similar to the NR area and Borough wide rates of 48%.
- 55% of the population of the NDC area are fairly satisfied with libraries in comparison to the NR area and Borough wide rates of 55% and 52% respectively.

#### CHILDRENS' PLAY AREAS

 23% of the population in the NDC area are dissatisfied with children's play areas in comparison to the NR area rate of 23% and the Borough wide rate of 15%.

#### TEENAGERS

 32% of the population of the NDC feel that teenagers' hanging around on the streets in the area is a serious problem in comparison to the NR area and Borough wide rates of 32% and 22% respectively.

#### PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

 17% of the population in the NDC area are very satisfied with the quality of public parks and open spaces in comparison to the NR area rate of 17% and the Borough wide rate of 26%.

Data Source: Ipsos MORI Household Survey (2008)

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#### Neighbourhood Context

#### WEAKNESSES:

- Poor access to culture and leisure facilities.
- Lack of activities for some age groups particularly young people.
- Closure of Eldon Grove Leisure Centre.
- Lack of car parking for users of St Matthew's Church Hall and Lynnfield School and Learning Centre.
- Vandalism to the play areas in the Burn Valley and Lynnfield School.

#### STRENGTHS:

- The area is well served by: One77 (formerly C@fe 177), COOL project, ORB project, Play Rangers, Thornton Street Linear Park, Belle Vue Community and Sports Centre, St Matthews Church Hall, Lynnfield and Stranton Learning Centres and the Playbuilder initiative.
- Mill House Leisure Centre's outdoor skateboard and 5-a-side football facilities.
- · Good schools with lots of activities football, breakfast clubs and after school clubs.
- Good local shops e.g. Middleton Grange and Stockton Road.
- Burn Valley Gardens have been improved.

#### Vision

- Increased activities for young people.
- Increased use of community facilities.
- Enhanced and protected children's play areas.
- Increased intercultural and intergenerational activities.
- Continued improvement and maintenance of Burn Valley Gardens.
- · Continued improvement of culture and leisure facilities

Actions planned in the Culture and Leisure theme will contribute directly towards the Hartlepool Sustainable Communities Strategy, Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy and the following LAA targets: NI8 (adult participation in sport and active recreation); NI9 (use of public libraries); NI10 (visits to museums or galleries); NI11 (engagement in the arts).

#### CULTURE AND LEISURE

#### **Priority Areas**

- Existing Sports and Leisure Facilities: Ensure activities currently delivered are better publicised and promoted.
- Open Spaces and Play Areas: Continue to improve open spaces and explore funding
  opportunities to improve these areas and provide new play areas.
- Activities: Increase leisure activities in the area particularly for young people, families and the BME community.
- Access: Improve access to culture and leisure facilities e.g. for those people who work shifts.
- BME Community: Encourage the take up of culture and leisure facilities by the BME community and promote the new Salaam Centre.
- Young People: Work with young people to produce publicity which will increase the use of culture and leisure facilities by young people.
- · Families: Increase family activities and opportunities for family learning.



- Explore the potential to increase the use of culture and leisure facilities e.g. increased promotion and publicity, extended opening times.
- 2. Encourage the take up of community projects by members of the BME communities.
- Expand the use of the Mill House Leisure Centre's outdoor skateboard park and 5-a-side football pitch.
- 4. Provide more family activities and opportunities for family learning.
- Protect and improve children's play areas and open green spaces e.g. Burn Valley Gardens, Playbuilder project.

#### STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

#### Neighbourhood Data

#### DEMOGRAPHICS

- 93% of the neighbourhood population are 'White British', 3% are 'White non-British', 3% are 'Asian or Asian British' <sup>[1]</sup>
- 2008 population estimates show there 2,080 0 15 year olds; 6,160 16 years retirement age; and 1,490 retirement age+ in the area <sup>[2]</sup>

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 44% say they feel part of their community compared to 52% in the Borough and 59% Nationally <sup>[1]</sup>
- 40% say there is a lot of community spirit in the area compared to 44% in the Borough <sup>[1]</sup>
- 21% feel they can influence decisions that affect the area, compared to 23% in the Borough and 31% Nationally<sup>[1]</sup>

#### SATISFACTION

 71% of the neighbourhood population are satisfied with the area as a place to live, compared to 86% in the Borough and 85% Nationally <sup>(1)</sup>

#### VOLUNTEERING

15% of the neighbourhood population have been involved in volunteering in the last 3 years. This is the highest
percentage of any of the Hartlepool Neighbourhood Renewal Area neighbourhoods (10% in the Borough, 22%
Nationality) <sup>[1]</sup>

Data Source: [1] Ipsos MORI Household Survey, (2008); [2] Tees Valley JSU (2009)



#### Neighbourhood Context

#### WEAKNESSES:

- The end of the NDC programme will mean reduced levels of funding and support.
- Problems with anti social behaviour / drugs / empty properties in some streets has a negative impact on social cohesion.
- Population turnover in private rented sector hinders development of community spirit.

#### STRENGTHS:

- A wide range of community and voluntary sector organisations in the area.
- 11 Residents Associations in the area.
- A diverse variety of opportunities for resident involvement.
- Support for community groups and organisations from HBC, NDC and HVDA Development Workers.

#### Vision

- To be able to live in streets where neighbours know, get on with and respect one another.
- Increased resident involvement and participation in activities related to the improvement of the neighbourhood.
- Activities and services are easily accessible to all diverse sections of the community.

Actions planned in the Strengthening Communities theme will contribute directly towards the Hardepool Sustainable Communities Strategy, Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy and to the following LAA targets: NI8 (participation in regular volunteering); NI110 (young peoples participation in positive activities), NI5 (overall / general satisfaction with local area).

#### STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

#### **Priority Areas**

- Young People: Develop and establish new ways to engage young people; further develop youth forums, and provide innovative positive activities for young people to participate in.
- Neighbourhood Partnerships: Improve links and liaison between Residents Associations in the area.
- Neighbourliness: Develop initiatives aimed at improving neighbourliness in the area.
- · Facilities: Continue to invest in and improve local community facilities (e.g. St Matthew's Hall).
- Publicity / Information: Ensure residents stay informed of all opportunities relating to community activities.
- Volunteering: Continue and develop support for volunteering in the community; develop training
  opportunities through volunteering.





- 1. Explore the potential to develop a voluntary and community sector 'Leaders Forum'.
- 2. Develop a 'good neighbour' project.
- 3. Investigate opportunities to adopt new technologies to engage and involve young people.
- 4. Further develop ONE77 as a centre for young people's democracy and participation.
- 5. Develop a NAP area newsletter.
- 6. Increase opportunities for diverse sections of the community.
- 7. Develop a strategy to support local Residents Associations in the area.

#### **Glossary of Terms**

BME Community: Black and Minority Ethnic Community.

Children's Centres: service hubs where children under five years old and their families can receive seamless integrated services and information. Services available might include early education and childcare, support for parents, child and family health services and activities to help parents into work.

Community Cohesion: initiatives aimed at bringing together communities.

Community Engagement: the process of working collaboratively with and through groups of people affiliated by geographic proximity, special interest, or similar situations to address issues affecting the well being of those people.

Community Strategy: a strategy that sets out the overall strategic direction and long term vision for the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of an area. Hartlepool's Community Strategy is called Hartlepool's Ambition.

Extended Schools: schools that offer access to a range of services for children, young people, their families and communities often beyond the school day. Extended services include childcare provided on the school site, activities such as homework clubs and study support, sport, music tuition, special interest clubs and volunteering, parenting and family support and providing wider community access to ICT, sports and arts facilities, including adult learning.

Hartlepool Partnership: the Local Strategic Partnership for Hartlepool, the partnership responsible for implementing the Community Strategy.

Hartlepool Working Solutions: helps Hartlepool people and businesses to maximise employment and self-employment opportunities through innovative training and recruitment solutions.

Housing Market Renewal: a programme to renew the housing market in those parts of the North and Midlands where demand for housing is relatively weak and which have seen significant decline in population, dereliction, poor services and poor social conditions as a result. Its objective is to renew failing or weak housing markets and reconnect them to regional markets.

Intermediate Labour Market (ILM): A scheme that enables people facing barriers to getting into work, to be paid for their work whilst they train.

Local Strategic Partnership: a collection of organisations and representatives coming together voluntarily to work in partnership. The Local Strategic Partnership for Hartlepool is the Hartlepool Partnership.

Multi-agency working: different agencies and services working together.

Neighbourhood Policing: teams that work with local people and partners to deliver solutions to issues which people say make them feel unsafe in their neighbourhood. These can include crime, anti-social behaviour, disorder, speeding and environmental issues such as street lighting. Neighbourhood Renewal: activity to reduce inequalities in the most disadvantaged communities and to tackle social and economic exclusion by lowering worklessness and crime and improving health, skills, housing and the physical environment.

Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy: the part of the Community Strategy that sets out how Neighbourhood Renewal will be delivered in Hartlepcol.

NEET - Not in Education Employment or Training: his refers to those people (aged 16-18) who are not currently engaged in "Employment, Education or Training".

Social Enterprise: A Social Enterprise is a service or business that is owned and managed by the community they serve and that operates primarily for the benefit of the wider community, re-investing any benefits that have been achieved.

Sustainability: Sustainability is a characteristic of a process or state that can be maintained at a certain level indefinitely.

Sustainable Development: Development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Theme Partnership: The Theme Partnerships bring together key service providers under the Local Strategic Partnership to manage performance in their respective theme areas. The Theme Partnerships are The Economic Forum (Jobs and Economy), Skills Partnership (Lifelong Learning and Skills), Health and Wellbeing (Health and Care), Safer Hartlepool Partnership (Community Safety), Environment Partnership (Environment), Housing Partnership (Housing), Culture, Leisure and Community Learning Partnership (Culture and Leisure), Hartlepool Community Network (Strengthening Communities) and Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership.

Vision: Aim, ambition or objective. In relation to the Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) it is what we would like to see the neighbourhood look like in the future.

Voluntary/Community Sector: includes voluntary and community organisations, social enterprises, charities, cooperatives and mutuals.

Worklessness: Defined by the Department of Work and Pensions as "people of working age who are not in formal employment, but who are looking for a job (the unemployed), together with people of working age who are neither formally employed nor looking for formal employment (the economically inactive)".

## TRANSPORT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS PORTFOLIO

Report to Portfolio Holder 18 January 2010



**Report of:** Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)

#### Subject: MOUNTBATTEN CLOSE AREA - 20MPH SPEED LIMIT AND TRAFFIC CALMING

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek approval to introduce traffic calming on Hindpool Close and a 20 mph speed limit on Mountbatten Close and its adjoining streets.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The report details the background to the scheme, the consultation undertaken and the proposals put forward.

#### 3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

The Portfolio Holder has responsibility for Traffic and Transportation issues.

#### 4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non key.

#### 5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

This is an executive decision by the Portfolio Holder.

#### 6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

The Portfolio Holder approves the implementation of the scheme outlined in section 3 of the report.

#### Report of: Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)

Subject: **MOUNTBATTEN CLOSE AREA - 20MPH** SPEED LIMIT AND TRAFFIC CALMING

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval to introduce traffic calming on Hindpool Close and a 20 mph speed limit on Mountbatten Close and its adjoining streets.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A complaint was received with regards to speeding traffic on Hindpool Close through the Central Area Neighbourhood Action Plan.
- 2.2 Hindpool Close is part of the Central Estate and is subject to a 30mph speed limit. The Phoenix Centre is located at the end of Hindpool Close. Traffic calming in the form of road humps exists on the surrounding Central Estate except for Hindpool Close.
- 2.3 Government policy encourages local authorities to use the powers they possess to implement 20 mph zones and speed limits in residential areas in order to contribute to a reduction in road casualties. Traffic calming is used to make the limit 'self enforcing' these schemes are called zones. Several 20 mph zones have already been implemented in Hartlepool, including Clavering Road, King Oswy Drive and Masefield Road.
- 2.4 There have been no reported injury accidents on this section of road.

#### 3. **PROPOSALS** (see Appendix A)

- 3.1 It is proposed to implement traffic calming on Hindpool Close, this will consist of 2 full width road humps, theses features will be sited to avoid drive crossings.
- 3.2 A 20 mph zone will be implemented on Mountbatten Close and its adjoining streets.

#### 4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 The scheme is estimated to cost £4500, and will be funded from contributions from the Central Area Neighbourhood Action Plan (£3000) and Local Transport Plan (£1500).

#### 5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Residents, businesses and Ward Councillors have been consulted via letter containing a plan outlining the above proposals. 34 responses have been received; and no objections received.
- 5.3 The Police and Emergency Services have been consulted with regards to these proposals and have no objections.

#### 6. **RECOMMENDATION**

6.1 The Portfolio Holder approves the implementation of the scheme as detailed in section 3 of the report.

#### 7. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

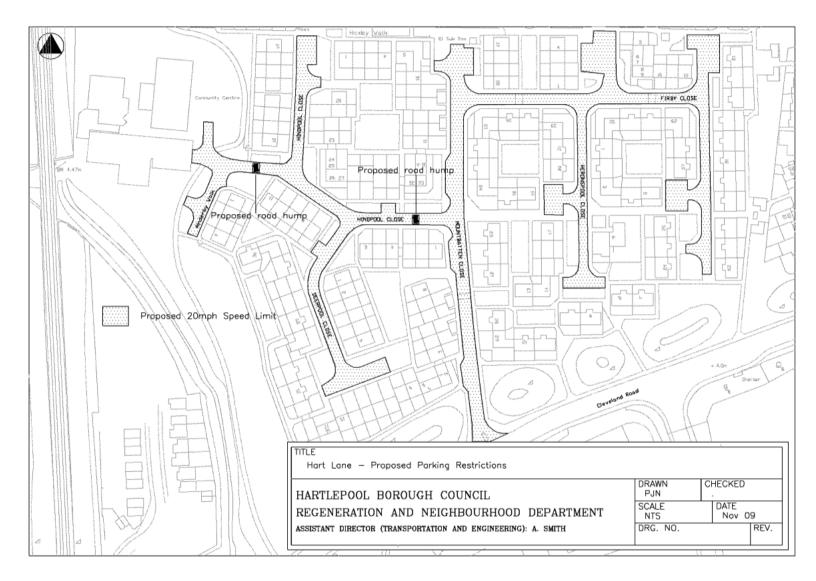
7.1 To improve road safety in the areas outlined in section 3 by reducing vehicular speeds.

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# APPENDIX A



## TRANSPORT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS PORTFOLIO

Report to Portfolio Holder 18 January 2010



**Report of:**Assistant Director (Transportation and<br/>Engineering)

Subject: RESIDENTS ONLY PARKING CONTROLS – LEYBURN STREET AND PENRHYN STREET

#### SUMMARY

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider the views of residents of Leyburn Street and Penrhyn Street in relation to the proposed continued participation in the resident permit controlled parking scheme.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The report outlines the background and considers the implications of the consultation response.

#### 3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

The Portfolio Holder has responsibility for Traffic and Transportation issues.

#### 4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non Key

#### 5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

This is an executive decision by the Portfolio Holder

#### 6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

That residents only permit restrictions be retained at Penrhyn Street and removed from Leyburn Street.

Subject: RESIDENTS ONLY PARKING CONTROLS – LEYBURN STREET AND PENRHYN STREET

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To consider the views of residents of Leyburn Street and Penrhyn Street in relation to the proposed continued participation in the resident permit controlled parking scheme.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Leyburn Street and Penrhyn Street are currently included within zone I of the Hartlepool resident controlled parking zone. They are located south of Elwick Road on the fringe of the current residential restrictions. A location plan is shown as **Appendix A** of this report.
- 2.2 The need to protect the parking availability initiated from complaints that commuters were parking in the area to avoid paying parking charges. The limited waiting parking restrictions in York Road are also believed to have originally contributed to the need for residential parking controls.
- 2.3 The current parking restrictions operate Monday Saturday between the hours 8am – 6pm. Many residents have expressed concern that although the restrictions protect residents during the hours of enforcement, much of the demand for parking space occurs during the evening.
- 2.4 Residents of Alston Street were consulted and opted to be removed from the resident controlled scheme in April 2009.
- 2.5 The need to consult residents of Leyburn and Penrhyn Street resulted from a number of concerns made by residents to the local ward councillors.

#### 3. PROPOSALS

3.1 The residents' consultation included detailed information in relation to how the permit controlled scheme would work, the cost per permit, hours of enforcement etc.

- 3.2 The permits for residents of Zone I are due to be renewed 1 April 2010. It would therefore be appropriate to coincide the removal of any location as and when the current permits expire on 31 March 2010.
- 3.3 Both locations fall within the discounted town centre permit area. The cost of any resident permit would be charged at £5 per annum.
- 3.4 The consultation results are indicated in **Appendix B** of this report. Although the number of returned responses is low (40% Leyburn Street and 38% Penrhyn Street) of those responses received the consultation would indicate the majority of residents in Leyburn Street (62%) would prefer that the restrictions are removed, whilst a majority of residents in Penrhyn Street (55%) would prefer the permit controlled residential parking remains.

#### 4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The cost of advertising the amendments to the legal orders to revoke the current restrictions would be minimal and would be met from the parking services operational budget.
- 4.2 The permit charges would be £5 per permit, consistent with other areas of the town centre.

#### 5. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 The removal of resident permit parking restrictions in Leyburn Street would require the current Legal Order to be revoked. This would have to be advertised as part of the formal legal process.

#### 6 CONSULTATION

6.1 Residents of Leyburn Street and Penrhyn Street were consulted by letter (18 November 2009). A copy of the consultation letter was also sent to the Burn Valley Ward Council members.

#### 7. **RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 That resident permit parking restrictions in Leyburn Street be removed as from 1 April 2010. Permit restrictions in Penrhyn Street continue.

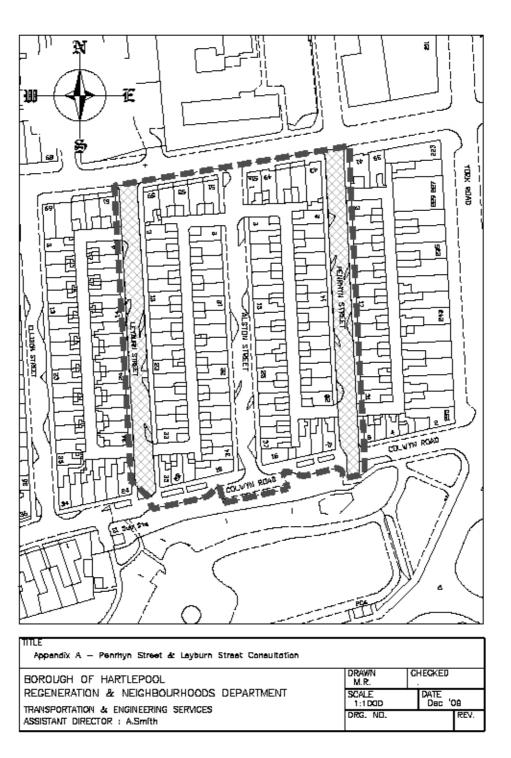
#### 8. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

8.1 To reflect the majority of views expressed by residents who completed and returned consultation responses.

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#### APPENDIX A

Location	Number of properties Consulted	Number of returned forms	% of returned forms in favour of retaining resident permit parking	% of returned forms opposed to retaining resident permit parking
Leyburn Street	32	13	38% ( 5)	62% (8)
Penrhyn Street	29	11	55% (6)	45% (5)