

Update on Tarset and Greystead Neighbourhood Development Plan –Spring 2015

As part of the consultation process, all households within Tarset and Greystead have now received a copy of the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan. Thank you to those who have already returned their response forms indicating their support for the draft Plan as well as their comments about various policies.

All responses will be collated after the deadline of **1st May 2015**. The draft Plan will be reviewed and modified to incorporate feedback. After adjustments have been made, the Plan will be formally submitted to our two Local Planning Authorities: Northumberland National Park and Northumberland County Council for scrutiny. Following this process, the Plan will be sent to an Independent Examiner who will arrive at one of three judgements: the Plan should proceed to Referendum **or** should proceed with changes **or** should not proceed. The latter two would only arise if the draft Plan did not comply with the Basic (Statutory) Conditions of having appropriate regard to national policy, being in general conformity with the strategic elements of the Local Planning Authorities, contributing to sustainable development and being compatible with EU obligations. Having been aware of the Basic Conditions throughout the whole process, the Steering Group hope that the draft Plan will fulfil these requirements.

When the Plan is given the go-ahead to proceed, the Referendum will be arranged by the lead Local Planning Authority. At Referendum, **if 50% or more of the turnout say YES, the Tarset and Greystead Neighbourhood Development Plan will be adopted by the Local Planning Authorities and come into force as an official Planning Document.**

As ever, all information about the Neighbourhood Development Plan can be accessed on-line at www.tarset.co.uk/community/planning.cfm. All documents relating to this part of the consultation are also on-line.

If you haven't already returned your response form, **please** do so as soon as you can. Remember the deadline is **1st May 2015**