

VISION

To preserve and enhance the beauty and tranquillity of the landscape and environment for current and future generations who live, work and visit the parish of Tasset and Greystead.

Objectives

Objectives should reflect the communities' expression of matters that are important to life in the Parish of Tasset and Greystead. The objectives listed below could provide a basis for policies in the Neighbourhood Development Plan and are based on the outcome of the community consultation exercises, both from the questionnaire, and from consultation with local business and schools. Many of the objectives can be to some extent addressed through existing policy in the Northumberland National Park Core Strategy. The last paragraphs give suggestions with regard to how the NDP could contribute to achieving the objectives, over and above existing planning policy.

Objective 1: Conserve and enhance the landscape, biodiversity, natural habitats and cultural heritage of the Parish through careful design in new development, and identification of key landscapes, views and heritage assets to be protected.

Why do we have this objective?

- ❖ Many respondents stated in the questionnaire results, that the beauty and tranquillity of the National Park was the main reason for living here.

What planning policies are already in place in relation to this objective?

- ❖ There are already a number of policies in the Northumberland National Park Core Strategy that protect these aspects of the National Park. The National Park already has Supplementary Planning Guidance on Landscape. Policies 1, 3, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 22 also seek to protect the special qualities of the National Park in different ways.

How could the NDP achieve the objective over and above existing planning policy?

- ❖ **The NDP could contain a more specific list of locally important landscapes, views and open spaces could be produced that clarifies existing policy in the Northumberland National Park Core Strategy**
- ❖ **The NDP could identify a list of locally important heritage assets, with specific policy guidance to ensure their protection, enhancement or re-use**

Objective 2: To ensure any new development in the Parish, whether it is new housing, conversion of existing buildings or other built development is carefully designed to preserve the intrinsic characteristics of the area in which they are to be located.

Why do we have this objective?

- ❖ 97% of respondents stated in the questionnaire results that they felt future development in the Parish should be in keeping with the character and landscape of the Parish. The individual comments indicate that there is a desire to ensure that future development reflects the vernacular, and that it is time to stop inappropriately designed development in the Parish.

What planning policies are already in place in relation to this objective?

- ❖ There are already a number of policies in the Northumberland National Park Core Strategy that protect these aspects of the National Park. The National Park already has Supplementary Planning Guidance on Design. Policies 1 and 3 are directly related to the objective above.

How could the NDP achieve this objective over and above existing planning policy?

- ❖ **The NDP could contain much more specific guidance which is tailored to the special qualities of Tarset and Greystead Parish.**
- ❖ **The Parish Council could commission architects to produce a document which would provide clarity on what new built development or type of conversion is acceptable in the Parish. New policies in the NDP would reflect this document and give clarity to developers.**

Objective 3: To cater for local housing need where it arises and ensure that there is sufficient housing provision to meet the existing and future needs of residents in the parish.

Why do we have this objective?

- ❖ The questionnaire showed that there was a feeling (60.6%) that new housing should be provided within the settlements of Lanehead and Greenhaugh. 63% of respondents said more housing should be allowed in other parts of the parish.
- ❖ Results showed there was a preference for conversions over new build. There was a preference for smaller properties and rented properties where need was expressed.

What planning policies are already in place in relation to this objective?

- ❖ There are already policies in the Northumberland National Park Core Strategy that relate to housing for local needs. Policy 10, accompanied by the Definition of Local Need ensures that all new housing development is for 'local needs' only. Policy 5 relates to location of new development, and Policy 6 relates to the sequential approach (i.e. Previously Developed Land first, then sites within settlements, etc.)

How could the NDP achieve this objective over and above existing planning policy?

- ❖ **The NDP could have a policy gives preference to residential use in conversions of existing buildings rather than tourism use.**
- ❖ **The NDP could provide guidance (maybe through a design/landscape guide) on where new housing development would be best directed**
- ❖ **The NDP could identify redundant buildings/sites where residential development would be appropriate, and specify the type of development, influenced by the detailed design guide.**

Objective 4: To ensure a vibrant local economy, there needs to be more support for the more traditional types of rural employment (farming, traditional apprenticeship schemes, food production, forestry). There also needs to be the means to encourage and continue to provide for home working, self employed, and other local businesses.

Why is this important?

- ❖ The responses indicated that agriculture was felt to be the most important part of the local economy (to residents) with tourism being the least.

What planning policies are already in place in relation to this objective?

- ❖ Policy 14 in the Northumberland National Park Core Strategy relates to the Sustainable Local Economy but includes tourism and recreation.

How could the NDP achieve this objective over and above existing planning policy?

- ❖ **The NDP could have a specific policy similar to Policy 14 in the National Park LDF, but which focuses on those aspects of the local economy that are considered to be most important by local people in Tarsset and Greystead. Tourism will have its place, but the wording could be different to shift the policy focus.**

Objective 5: To ensure that tourism development does not continue at a cost to local residents in the Parish. The tourism sector is well established, and the NDP will have a policy shift away from providing for tourism in this part of the National Park.

Why is this important?

- ❖ Tourism is an important part of the local economy, but feedback from the community indicates that there is a feeling that the tourism sector is at saturation point and that local residents' needs should be a priority over tourism.

What planning policies are already in place in relation to this objective?

- ❖ Policy 14 in the Northumberland National Park Core Strategy relates to the Sustainable Local Economy but includes tourism and recreation. Policy 15 refers to Sustainable Tourism and Recreation Development.

How can we achieve this objective through the NDP?

- ❖ **The NDP could have a specific policy on Sustainable Tourism which reflects the needs of the local community and restricts the scale of tourism development in the Parish**
- ❖ **The NDP could have a policy giving priority to residential use in conversions, rather than tourism use**
- ❖ **The NDP could contain a policy on new tourism development which will require applicants to submit certain information (i.e. traffic assessments, etc.), to allow the planners to properly assess the impact of proposals on the local community**

Objective 6: Sustainability is important to the community in Tarsset and Greystead from an environmental, social and economic perspective. Small scale renewables should be encouraged in new developments and in existing infrastructure where it can be accommodated. Planning proposals that support the social and economic sustainability of the local community should be supported.

Why is this important?

- ❖ There was a high level of support for sustainable technologies in the questionnaire results - the smaller technologies (many of which are permitted development) had the highest level of support, with larger scale technologies receiving less support.

What planning policies are already in place in relation to this objective?

- ❖ Policy 1 in the National Park LDF Core Strategy is about delivering Sustainable Development. There are many other policies in the plan which also contribute to achieving sustainable development.

How could the NDP achieve this objective over and above existing planning policy?

- ❖ **The NDP could have its own GD1 policy, which is more specific to Tarset and Greystead, about sustainability. This policy could be based on the National Park GD1 policy, but with a much higher level of specificity to the Parish.**

Questions:

1. Do you agree with the Vision statement? If not, please state why.

2. Do you agree with the Objectives and do they fit with the Vision Statement

3. Are there objectives missing?

4. Are there changes to the objectives that you would like to see?

5. Any other comments?

Please either post your replies to:

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Responses to be received no later than 5:00pm on Friday 1st November 2013