

Greenhaugh First School - 21st May 2013

Initial discussion with five pupils (3 boys, 2 girls) to establish “What is the parish of Tarsset and Greystead?”

What do you like about where we live?

- Countryside, animals.
- No pollution especially light pollution so we are in Dark Skies.
- Lots of space – lots of walks e.g. Sidwood.
- The environment – fun places to play.
- Chirdon Burn.

What don't you like about where we live?

All really good but

- Cars go too fast. Lots of tractors.
- The hunt.
- Trees are cut down, destroys the countryside and animal habitats (but understood that the purpose of cutting trees down was to use wood e.g. paper making and that trees are replanted).

What would make Tarsset and Greystead an even better place to live in?

- Speed cameras and speed signs right next to village (Greenhaugh)
- A better park - slide, monkey bars, wooden playhouse, zip wires, connecting tree houses, maze. Could put it in Sidwood. Some strongly disagreed (4-1 against) because it would attract more people to come –might destroy the peacefulness and want to keep it for us. “We have our imagination” (for playing). Although voted against a park – everyone very enthusiastically contributed to what equipment could be included in a park.
- More houses –some disagreement because there would be more children.
- Hydro –electricity so that there would be fewer poles through the fields, the wires would go underground.
- Shops – reduce car pollution because would be able to walk to the shops instead of drive.
- Set up a taxi scheme so that people could drive “free” to shops.

In twenty years time, what job do you think you might do?

- Two farmers, another helping farmers.
- Professional rugby player
- One undecided

Middle Schools – 4th / 13th June 2013

Initial discussion with seven pupils (2 boys, 5 girls) at Bellingham Middle and then one pupil at Corbridge Middle to establish “What is the parish of Tarset and Greystead?”

What do you like about where we live?

- Not many cars.
- Peace and quiet. Space to run around.
- Know everyone – close knit community – if there is a problem, everyone tries to help.
- Community and the landscape welcomes you.
- Looks good – open, easy to walk around, lovely views, people don't mess it up.
- Wildlife
- It's special because it is 'secret' / quiet – not a constant stream of people.
- It's challenging to live here – travelling in winter, making contingency plans, shopping in advance- makes community spirit even more important.
- Have our own space in our own gardens
- Favourite places = Tarset Burn and Chirdon Burn (enjoy swimming in the burn when it's sunny) and Bought Hill barns (mystery of buildings)
- Enjoy dark skies – no light pollution.
- History of place (like Tarset Castle) really interesting.
- Holly Bush Inn is the hub of the community – news passed onto to each other from there.

What don't you like about where we live?

- The noise of motorcycles.
- Don't like tourists / walkers. 'They' give you a funny look when they drive past. They leave gates open.
- Tarset Tor – encourages more people to come and we might get overcrowded – more cars and more people.
- Not much to do here – have to go to go a long way to join in activities - Hexham or Kielder.

What would make Tarset and Greystead an even better place to live in?

- It would be good to have a park.
- More houses in their own space (not close to other houses) so that more families with children can move into Tarset and Greystead, so will have more to do.
- Houses must fit in – not stick out like a sore thumb – need to be affordable but good value.
- More cycle routes – off road tracks.
- Horses are not allowed on footpaths in Sidwood. It would be a good idea to change some footpaths to bridleways.
- Roads are in poor condition especially near the bastles (Black Middens) – lots of potholes.
- Need speed bumps outside people's houses at Greenhaugh and Lanehead.
- Sign about slowing down when going into Greenhaugh needs replacing – can only see 'Greenhaugh'
- Organised tours of landscape for groups or individuals to learn more.
- Any change should be in the same direction as everyone, NOT fast.

In twenty years' time, what job do you think you might do?

- Two farmers
- Vet
- Doctor
- Architect
- Three undecided

Four would like to live around here but will have to be closer to work, probably near a town.

All recognised that where they get work will decide where they live.

Opinions about:

- Windfarms: Nobody wants really big wind turbines next to own house. No large wind turbines - they scar the landscape by digging up land, putting in cables, pouring concrete into foundations, destroys wildlife and spoils views. A single small turbine away from own house is better because of their scale – blend into landscape more easily.
- Solar panels: up to individuals to decide. Don't really notice them/ doesn't affect you – they're not in your face.

One High School response:

Subject: Youth Engagement in Neighbourhood Planning

>Date: Sat, 22 Jun 2013 12:15:46 +0100

To: silverover@live.co.uk

1. What do you like about where we live?

What I like about where we live is that I love how it's just a wide open space and the views are amazing and how wide of a community it is out here.

2. What I don't like about where we live?

What u don't like is that how many motor bikes there are and how they ruin the country side and how they go so fast on country roads. And one other thing I think there should be more bridal-paths.

3. What do you think would make Tarsset and Greystead an even better place to live?

I think Tarsset and Greystead would be a better place if there wasn't so may motor bikes because people around here love the country side and love how quite and still everything is. And for us horsey people we love having more bridal- paths to go on and ride.

> Thank you

Youth Engagement in Neighbourhood Planning
on behalf of Tarset and Greystead Parish Council

Dear

You may be aware that during this year we have been gathering the views of all the people who live in our parish and recently we talked to the parish's First and Middle school pupils. We are now writing to ask for help from all High School students living in Tarset and Greystead.

The reason we are asking for your views is so that the steering group, working on behalf of the Parish Council, can write a Neighbourhood Plan. This is a new way for local communities to influence the planning of the area in which they live and work. The Neighbourhood plan can:

- Develop a shared vision for our Parish
- Choose where new homes and other development should be built
- Identify and protect important local green spaces
- Influence what new buildings should look like

We would like you to answer three short questions:

1. What do you **like** about where we live?
2. What do you **don't like** about where we live?
3. What do you think would make Tarset and Greystead an **even better** place to live?

We would be really grateful if you answered these questions by either filling in the attached form and returning it in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope **or** by e-mailing your responses directly to silverover@live.co.uk by 5th July 2013. No names are needed.

If you would like to find out more about what we have been doing so far, please look on www.tarset.co.uk/community/planning

Your responses will be considered alongside those from the other 288 people living in 141 houses in our Parish. The consensus of views will then be incorporated into a draft Neighbourhood Plan which will be presented to the community before being sent for examination by an independent person.

This document could make a huge difference to what happens in our area.

Please try to find time to respond to the questions.

Thank you in anticipation.

From Tarset and Greystead Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group