

The Sedgefield Plan

Shaping the future of our area

The Community Survey

Residents of Sedgefield have a very important opportunity to influence how the town and surrounding area develops between now and 2030. Recent government legislation has given our community the right to produce a **Neighbourhood Plan**, which, once completed and approved by residents, will become a statutory document that Durham County Council will be legally obliged to take into account when considering all future planning applications in Sedgefield.

The Sedgefield Plan (the name given to our Neighbourhood Plan) will sit alongside Durham County Council's County Durham Local Plan, which will provide planning and development guidance for all communities in the county from the autumn of 2014.

The draft of that County Durham Local Plan has **allocated Sedgefield with 470 new homes to be built on a site adjacent to Eden Drive**. These homes will have an impact on the community, with implications for school capacity, health services, parking, the local economy, amenities and services, and the environment.

Legislation states that The Sedgefield Plan must comply with the County Durham Local Plan. However, in doing so, it is important that it reflects your views on how this community develops, as Sedgefield grows during the next decades. We can influence the nature and location of new housing, the infrastructure that is developed alongside the homes, and other land use priorities within our community.

We have reached a key stage in developing The Sedgefield Plan, which involves seeking your views on a range of important topics. Your responses to the questionnaire below will form a vital part of the evidence base for building our plan. Please spare 10 minutes to answer these questions and help shape the future of Sedgefield.

When you have completed and signed the questionnaire, you can leave it at the town council offices, Number 4, Ceddesfeld Hall, or in the doctor's surgery. You can download additional copies of the document at www.thesedgefieldplan.co.uk, or answer the questions online. Please complete your answers by Friday 24th January 2014.

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