MASTERPLAN DELIVERY & PROJECTS SCHEDULE 2022-2016

/lasterplan	Priority Projects Identified	Status	Project Update
	Key Priorities:		
	Providing a sustainable and vibrant town centre with a focus on deliverability	Progressing	
	 Create key opportunities for change by securing definitive proposals for redevelopment, development or refurbishment of land and premises; 		
	 Establishing a clear set of priority projects together with a realistic delivery plan which reflects both market demand, investor appetite and availability of sources of finance; 		
	 Promoting the diversification of the local economy and employment growth, led by the private sector; 		
	 Developing the tourism and leisure offer and asset base, most notably in relation to The Bowes Museum, the town centre, restored Witham Hall (evening economy), Castle, riverside walks and the proposed pedestrian suspension bridge project; 	Progressing	
	 Consolidating the population and expenditure base and improving the balance and mix of the housing offer to include market for sale, intermediate tenure and rented, which would in turn help to underpin a sustainable local economy, retaining young people whilst providing for a high proportion of elderly residents; 		
	 Optimising the environmental, social and economic sustainability of Barnard Castle through the design and phasing of the developments and the implementation process 		
	 Ensuring that key stakeholders, in particular those using the town centre, are positively engaged in the process and that the final outcomes are ones which local residents and businesses have confidence and pride in. 	Progressing	
	Town Centre:		
	Witham Hall Restoration	Complete	The £3.2 million restoration of The Witham at Barnard Castle sathe transformation of one of the region's most historic buildings. The regeneration project, managed by Barnard Castle Vision, The Witham and DCC, brough much needed improvements to Grade II listed Witham Testimonial Hall
	Digital Dale	Progressing	As a result of the Digital Durham project supported by the Department for Culture, Media, and Sport, British Telecom and the Council most areas in and around Barnard Castle should experier an improvement in the quality and speed of broadband services

		through the roll out of fibre services.
Targeted Business Improvements Redevelopment of Teesdale House Expansion of Woodleigh Business GlaxoSmithKline is the most significant employer in Barnard Castle and continues to invest in its plant, machinery, product lines and workforce. The plant will be GSK's global centre for making dermatological products. The County Council and Business Durham continue to liaise with GSK to explore possibilities for further growth at Barnard Castle. Likewise, the partners are keen to encourage spin-out SME development from GSK in order to diversify the local business bases.		Ongoing support for businesses in the town centre. An additional specialist factory established.
Housing The latest consultation document "Policy Directions Paper" identifies that Barnard Castle requires a minimum of 400 dwellings over the lifetime of the Plan (2030). It is likely that these dwellings will be constructed on sites identified within the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment. It is important that the new housing that is provided caters for the needs of the local population, from starter homes, family housing and older persons' accommodation. This provision will help support a balanced local community which will benefit education, health and leisure provision.		Work is now complete providing an access road at the significant site north of Green Lane in a development of 60 houses by Barretts. Work is complete, providing f 12 dwellings and converting the Count Council's former offices at Teesdale House, a Grade II Listed Building. The Taylor Wimpey development at Castle Vale on Darlington Road continues and when complete will have delivered over 100 new homes. At Bowes Gardens, Startforth on the southern side of the River Tees work has now started including a new access road onto Bowes Road and the inclusion of a bus route for a development of over 60 homes, creating more attractive and sustainable communities. There are plans to develop land to the east of Deerbolt HMYOI, south of the River Tees, for 162 dwellings by Kier Living (Northern)
Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Walking and cycling tourism is an increasingly important part of the local economy and there are numerous footpaths & bridleways in the area. There are however. limited opportunities for circular walks which cross the River Tees. The river / views of the Castle are a key asset for the Town but are not being capitalised upon.	Progressing	Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (light) LCWIP – will be complete in January. Feasibility underway exploring enhanced Barnard Castle – Bishop Auckland Walking and Cycling Route through the Towns and Villages programme.

Recreation & Leisure	
	Additional Projects
	Towns & Villages
	Continued support offered via Targeted Business Improvement Scheme.
	Property Reuse and Conversion Loan
	Free Retail Training
	Reopening High Street Safely & Welcome Back Fund Vibrancy Events,
	UKSPF Enterprising Durham New Start Up Grant
	Improving Community Resilience
Area Action Partnership Locally agreed priorities developed and delivered yearly	