

MASTERPLAN DELIVERY & PROJECTS SCHEDULE 2022-2016

BARNARD CASTLE, 2012, 2016			
Masterplan	Priority Projects Identified	Status	Project Update
	<p>Key Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing a sustainable and vibrant town centre with a focus on deliverability • 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; • 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. <p>Town Centre:</p> <p>Witham Hall Restoration</p> <p>Digital Dale</p>	<p>Progressing</p> <p>Progressing</p> <p>Progressing</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Progressing</p>	<p>The £3.2 million restoration of The Witham at Barnard Castle saw the transformation of one of the region's most historic buildings. The regeneration project, managed by Barnard Castle Vision, The Witham and DCC, brought much needed improvements to the Grade II listed Witham Testimonial Hall</p> <p>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 experience an improvement in the quality and speed of broadband services</p>

