

Our Neighbourhood Development Plan will have a big impact on the shape and type of development within the Parish, as well as protecting the things that are important to us and now is your chance to have your say.

We have produced a draft Neighbourhood Plan which, once adopted, will be used by Darlington Borough Council to determine planning applications within the Parish, managing the type and level of development. Another important aspect of a Neighbourhood Plan is to protect the areas that are of value to the community including places of historic interest and green spaces.

This has significant implications for our Parish and we need your input and views before we can finalise the plan for submission to Darlington Borough Council.

If you can't attend the drop-in event you can email your feedback and questions to lcmneighbourhoodplan@outlook.com by 2nd June 2018. The draft Neighbourhood Plan and all of the supporting documents will be available to view from 21st April 2018 around our parish at:

The Baydale Beck Inn

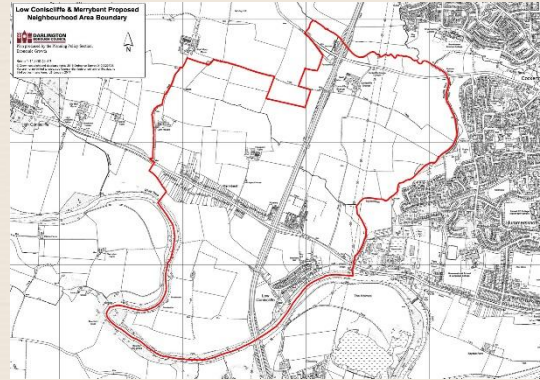
Low Coniscliffe Library and Book Exchange

8 Low Coniscliffe (In the Porch)

Also on the Neighbourhood Planning Website:

www.lowconiscliffeandmerrybentneighbourhoodplan.org.uk

PARISH BOUNDARY



The boundary of Low Coniscliffe and Merrybent Parish follows the natural water course of the Baydale Beck to the East, the River Tees to the South, and part of the West. The remainder of the Western boundary and Northern boundary follow the perimeter of the farmer's fields.

LOW CONISCLIFFE & MERRYBENT PARISH COUNCIL

Neighbourhood Planning Website:

lowconiscliffeandmerrybentneighbourhoodplan.org.uk

Parish Website: lowconiscliffeandmerrybentpc.org.uk

FaceBook Page: [Low Coniscliffe, Merrybent and Friends](#)

LOW CONISCLIFFE & MERRYBENT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

THE NEXT STEP - WE'RE ALMOST THERE!



In May 2017 we held a drop-in consultation event for our Neighbourhood Plan.

The Parish Council and Steering Group took your input and feedback and have prepared a **DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**. Now it's over to you again! We need your input to inform the final draft of the plan that the Parish Council will submit to Darlington Borough Council

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

***You are invited to attend a Drop-
in Session***

***On: Saturday, 28th
April 2018***

***Time: 11 .00 a.m
to 1.00 p.m.***

***At: St Edwin's Church
Hall, High Coniscliffe***

The event will be facilitated by the members of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan and copies of all the background documents will be available to view at the event

**PLEASE COME
AND HAVE
YOUR SAY!**

WHAT IS A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?

This is the community's opportunity to shape and guide development that could take place in our area and make sure that it is appropriate to our needs and aspirations. We can have a great say in where it goes and how it looks.

WHY DO WE NEED A PLAN?

Since 2011, as part of the Localism Act, communities have been empowered to create their own development plans which will be included in Local Planning Policy.

WHAT DO WE WANT FROM YOU - THE VILLAGERS?

Now is your chance to have your say.

During the 6-week consultation period from Saturday 21st April 2018 up to and including Saturday 2nd June 2018 the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be seeking your views, opinions and comments on the draft plan. Attending the drop in session on Saturday 28th April will provide you with the opportunity to ask questions or discuss the plan on a one to one basis.

At the end of the consultation period the Steering Group will consider your comments conscientiously and produce a brief report summarising the comments received, describing if and how the draft plan has been modified in response to the issues/comments raised.

Once this has been completed and all the information has been collated it will be submitted to Darlington Borough Council who will organise an independent examination. If the plan passes the examination, there will then be a referendum where everyone in the parish will be asked to vote on whether or not they support the plan.

We are a small Parish and as well as land usage and housing we should consider other effects of planning including – nature and historic environment, together with sustainable transport, tourism and leisure.

Please embrace this opportunity to become involved and help shape the future of your parish to ensure that when complete the plan reflects your views.

PLEASE EMBRACE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME INVOLVED IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF YOUR PARISH.

This leaflet has been produced by the Low Coniscliffe & Merrybent Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group.