



DRAFT PROJECT PLAN & TIMESCALES

1. **COMMUNITY CONSULTATION** (brief overview):
 - a. Steering Group & Focus Groups: transport; environment & countryside; housing & development; local economy; community & infrastructure
 - b. general & detailed village survey – possible housing needs survey? (or part of detailed village survey)
 - c. produce a 'profile of Ashington' based on the 2011 census
 - d. produce a 'state of the parish' report

January 2016 – September 2016
2. **CALL FOR SITES** – newspaper ads, online, write to landowners, SHELAA, HDC etc asking for any potential development sites to come forward. Produce map of sites submitted, public consultation on sites, invite comments from stakeholders, design assessment criteria, assessment of sites, site shortlist. **April 2016 – September 2016**
3. **SUSTAINABILITY OF SITES** – prepared by a consultant to ensure that all sites fairly considered and impact of sites is fully assessed.
October/November 2016
4. **PRE-SUBMISSION DRAFT PLAN** – prepared by consultants. Needs 6-8 weeks public consultation period, advertise in libraries, HDC website, PC website, drop-in sessions, letter to residents etc
5. **POSSIBLE HEALTH CHECK OF DRAFT PLAN BY INDEPENDENT EXAMINER?**
6. **AMENDMENTS TO PRE-SUBMISSION DRAFT PLAN** – following consultation period
7. **DRAFT PLAN & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS SENT TO HDC** – for 6 week formal public consultation period
8. **DRAFT PLAN AND COMMENTS SENT TO INDEPENDENT EXAMINER** – report from IE issued, and amendments made to draft plan.
9. **FINAL PLAN** – public referendum, needs at least 50% support to ensure it becomes statutory document
10. **PLAN ADOPTED late 2017**